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GOVT TO WITHDRAW FROM TSINGTAO?

Li Tsung-jen To Broadcast

Nanking, February 13. Reliable sources said today that Acting President Li Tsung-jen is to make an important broadcast tomorrow evening, re-affirming the Government's determination to seek peace with the Communists.

Acting President Li's radio address to all Government and local authorities throughout the country is expected to reiterate in very strong terms the Government's resolve in obtaining peace.

Moscow On U.S. War Policy

Moscow, February 12. Ivestin's international commentator today said that the United States exposed its intention of unleashing a new war by refusing Premier Stalin's offer to conclude a peace pact. The rejection, said the commentator, once again proves that United States' ruling circles are deliberately avoiding alignment with Soviet Russia because such an agreement would make the aggressive policy of the Anglo-American bloc aimless.

Mr. O'Keefe Seeks Injunction

Melbourne, February 13. Mr. James O'Keefe, obtaining legal advice, decided today to seek a high court injunction restraining the Commonwealth Government in deporting his Indonesian wife and family.

Berlin Reds Plan Big Mass Meeting

Berlin, February 13. Berlin's Communists today announced plans for a big mass meeting to denounce "war-mongers."

The meeting is to be held on Monday at the Potsdammer Platz—where the Russian Sector borders on the American and British Sectors.

This is the spot where anti-Communist Western Berliners have several times clashed with the Communist-controlled police of the Russian sector.

The Communist announcement pointedly advertised the mass meeting as on the sector borders. British and American authorities have forbidden Western Berliners to stage mass meetings or demonstrations near the sector borders.

Western Berlin Police will watch the Potsdammer Platz situation and determine on Monday whether extra border precautions are necessary.

Evacuation Reported To Begin Next Month PEACE MISSION LEAVES

Nanking, February 12. It was authoritatively learned today that the Chinese High Command has decided to abandon Tsingtao.

Sources said that the evacuation of the Shantung coastal port would be a gradual process similar to the pulling out of the U.S. Naval forces.

A United Press informant said that the decision not to make a stand on the port was made by the National Defence Ministry on February 8.

The regular Nationalist troops now garrisoning Tsingtao—two armies estimated at 60,000 men—would be shipped to Nanking and Shanghai to bolster the defences of the Yangtze River. It was not known whether any deadline was set for abandoning the port, but the withdrawal was expected by next month.

The abandonment of Tsingtao would place the whole of Shantung province under Communist control.

Communist forces have encircled the port, which is on the Shantung coast, for months, but did not attack apparently because of the presence of American forces. About 5,000 Marines were stationed there at one period but a considerable number has already been withdrawn.

Disorders broke out in some parts of Tsingtao last night, when mobs taking advantage of growing panic and confusion caused by the evacuation of Government officials and their dependents attempted to storm and loot shops and private residences, according to Chinese press reports reaching Shanghai today.

Rifle fire is said to have been heard throughout the night in various districts, as the police went into action to restore order. Disturbances occurred a few hours after another two shiploads of dependents of Government employees evacuated the port for Amoy.

Reports said that virtually all responsible officials of Government organisations have now left Tsingtao, the last city held by Nationalists in North China.

Nationalist troops are still manning defences on the outskirts of the port, but they are generally expected to be withdrawn, in spite of emphatic official assertions to the contrary.

There are believed to be between 150 and 200 foreigners still in Tsingtao. They include 70 Americans, for whose protection

Dr. Sun Fo's Difficulties

Canton, February 13. The Premier, Dr. Sun Fo's reported intention of forming an anti-Communist bastion in South China encountered new difficulties today with the disclosure that two newly-appointed Cantonese generals do not want to take their jobs.

General Chang Fa-kwei is to assume command of all Chinese armies while General Li Hsiang-shan is to take over the administration of Haitian island, but both are balking. General Li left for Nanking today to confer with Acting President Li Tsung-jen, and is later to go to Hankow to talk with General Pan Chung-hai. It is understood General Chang is planning a similar trip.

Acting President Li and General Pan form the backbone of the Kwangtung clique which has been in opposition to the Kwangtung group under Dr. Sun Fo—United Press.

A battalion of United States Marines are being kept aboard floating billies in the harbour.

Red Warning

A Chinese Communist broadcast today that a strict warning against the destruction of important municipal and industrial installations in Tsingtao was sent by the Red troops to General Liu An-chi, commander of the Government garrison there.

The radio announced the warning about the same time it was learned at Nanking that the Nationalist high command decided to abandon Tsingtao gradually.

The Communist Army warned General Liu An-chi that if he destroyed Tsingtao, he and his officers' responsibility would be punished as war criminals.

It said it was reliably reported that General Liu An-chi has been preparing since December for the destruction of Tsingtao, including harbour works, water supply and electric plants, textile factories and other industries.

The radio said that 20,000 kilograms of explosives were sent to Tsingtao for that purpose in December.

Shanghai's Civil Peace Mission, under the veteran diplomat, Dr. W. W. Yen, took off finally for Peking this morning aboard a special Central

Air Transport Corporation plane after three previous postponements.

More than 100 Government and business leaders were at the airfield to bid the mission God-speed and success.

Just before he boarded the plane Dr. Yen told newsmen that he would strive his utmost to secure the peace which the people so urgently needed.

Mission's Hope

He lauded the success achieved by the Nanking professors' delegation in its recent trip to Peking and said that if he and his colleagues could only bring back a date for the opening of formal peace negotiations, he would consider it a great achievement.

Mr. Kiang Yung, well known lawyer and one of the three members of the delegation, disclosed that he had been asked by the postal authorities to negotiate with the Communists for the resumption of mail deliveries between Government and Communist controlled regions.

Dr. Kuo Chia-hou, the President's personal envoy, who was among the Nationalist officials at the airfield, expressed confidence that Dr. Yen's mission would achieve successful results.

He revealed that the President had great respect and admiration for Dr. Yen, and said the mere fact that the delegation had finally taken off was in itself big stride on the road to peace.

Accompanying the mission, in his private capacity, was Dr. Shiao Li-shi, former Chinese Ambassador to Moscow, and unofficial leader of the Government's peace delegation—United Press and Reuter.

SIDNEY STANLEY NOT WANTED

Tel Aviv, February 12. Sidney Stanley's application for a visa to enter Israel has been refused, an Israeli Foreign Office spokesman said today.

Stanley was the central figure in the British Government's recent corruption inquiry—Associated Press.

De Gaulle's Party Attacks FIC Policy

Lille, February 13. The National Congress of General de Gaulle's Rally of the French People today accused the French Government of endangering the security of Britain and the United States by a vacillating policy in Indo-China.

The Congress adopted a resolution which said: "The Rally of the French People—firmly and publicly the third force Government, although claiming to participate in the common defence of Western Europe, at the same time refuses the credits necessary to carry out any military mission."

"This demagogic and irresponsible policy represents a political and financial swindle, of which the consequences are already felt in Indo-China, where the number of French troops is being reduced every day."

General Pierre de Benouville, a Gaullist leader, said after the meeting: "We must not allow ourselves to be taken in by the French Government, which is the last bastion of the West in South East Asia."

The present French Government has allowed our military effective in Indo-China to fall below the minimum security level.

"The Government have resolved the necessary credits

Polo In Ballroom



Sir William Stamps, 66-year-old retired India irrigation engineer, thinks that more people in England should hunt and play polo. In order to publicise his ideas, he rode his white mare "Granite" into a Taunton Ballroom and gave a demonstration of polo playing—AP Photo.

Air, Land Search For Lost Plane

Lima, February 12. An air and land search was being made today for a Douglas DC-3 plane with 13 passengers and three crew on board, reported missing last Thursday on a flight between Tingo Maria and Huancayo, in Central Peru.

The search has so far failed to reveal any trace of the missing plane. Two Douglas planes of the Peruvian "Fuerza" Air Company took off a few seconds apart from the airport at Tingo Maria in the direction of Huancayo, on a flight which normally should have brought them to Lima in 45 minutes.

Both planes were heard and seen in various parts of the country up to about the middle of their course. Townsfolk said the engine of one of the planes sounded irregular and the plane was seen to circle round a high peak known as Carpi.

The sound of the engines ceased and those listening had the impression that the plane must have crashed.

Over Carpi there was a thick mist. Military planes went out to help in the search over ground which is wooded and very broken. The 13 passengers were mainly from the Jose Pardo Ranch—Reuter.

First Israeli Parliament To Open

Jerusalem, February 13. Final preparations were being made this week-end for the opening on Monday of the first Jewish Parliament to be held here for 2,000 years.

The session hall has been enlarged and all hotels have been booked up by the 120 elected Members and the invited guests. The guests include members of the Diplomatic Corps, Zionist officials, surviving members of the first Zionist Congress held in 1897 at Basle, Switzerland, and newspaper reporters.

The United Nations Conciliation Commission of three (representing the United States, France and Turkey) got over the difficulty of accepting or rejecting an invitation by leaving the Holy City for a tour of the Middle East capitals.

The elected delegates will pass under a flower-draped arch upon their triumphant entrance to the Holy City to read a Hebrew sign saying "Blessed be your coming" and move on to the Assembly Hall a quarter mile from the Old City walls.

Many speeches and celebrations are planned in Jerusalem and all business houses will close for several days here.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the Israeli State Council, will administer the oath to the new Members of Parliament: "I pledge allegiance to the State of Israel and undertake faithfully to fulfil my mission."

The first business of the Assembly will be to elect a State President. He will then ask Mr. David Ben-Gurion, leader of the majority MAPAI (Labour) Party, to form a Government—Reuter and United Press.

Shocked By French Refusal

Chicago, February 13. A spokesman for the Chicago Sun-Times said today he is shocked and surprised that the French Government has refused permission for W. L. Briggs, Sun-Times Correspondent, to visit Indo-China.

Irving Pflaum, the newspaper's foreign editor, said the Sun-Times is anxious to have Briggs visit Indo-China to learn what is going on.

Pflaum said Briggs is a dependable reporter with a good background of experience in Asia.

In Hong Kong, where the French Consulate cancelled Briggs' visa to Indo-China, Briggs said permission to visit the country was withdrawn on grounds that he systematically opposed the French in Indo-China—Associated Press.

Partial Agreement On Scandinavian Defence Treaty

Copenhagen, February 13. The Danish Foreign Minister, Mr. Gustav Rasmussen, says Denmark, Sweden and Norway have agreed on five basic principles for an independent Scandinavian defence pact.

An attempt to reach a detailed agreement will be pursued very soon in a meeting of the three nations' foreign ministers.

The premiers of the three countries also will meet twice within the next three weeks and it is inevitable they will discuss the defence union, Mr. Rasmussen said.

He declined in a news conference to predict whether these agreements will lead to a Scandinavian Defence Union outside the proposed United States-backed Atlantic pact.

Mr. Rasmussen listed these five points of fundamental agreement: 1—Each Scandinavian country would defend itself against any armed attack with all the means at its disposal.

2—An attack on any one of them would bring all aid and assistance, military or otherwise, from the other two partners.

Co-ordination

3—Defence plans, armed forces and production of weapons would be co-ordinated in peace-time.

Mr. Rasmussen did not go into further detail on the nature or extent of such co-ordination.

4—The defence union shall stand as a regional security agreement within the framework of the charter of the United Nations.

5—If any of the three Scandinavian countries is attacked, it may request help from other states outside the defence union, and each of the three countries shall itself afford all assistance necessary to make such aid effective.

Sweden, regarded as the biggest military power between Russia and Britain, opposes Scandinavian entrance into the Atlantic pact. Norway has been investigating the conditions for entry.

Mr. Rasmussen said Denmark favours an independent defence union. He declared the Swedish Government's offer to forsake Sweden's ancient neutrality and enter such a military pact creates an entirely new situation.

The revolutionary nature of this Swedish gesture, he said, is being explained in an effort to show the United States and other Atlantic pact countries how effective such an alliance could be.

He admitted, however, that Denmark and Norway have not yet been able to reconstruct their defences since the war and would need weapons.

Sweden has stated weapons will be withheld from non-signatories of the Atlantic pact.

De Gaulle Speaks

In Lille, France, General Charles De Gaulle, meanwhile declared himself in favour of the proposed North Atlantic alliance.

But he insisted the alliance be binding on all parties to act automatically in event of aggression against any one of its members.

Addressing a Congress of his party, the French Peoples Rally, De Gaulle warned the present leaders of France that he may take strong action to get them out of power and himself back in. He asserted that if general elections are not held soon, his followers must oust the usurpers—Associated Press.

No Royal Trip Until 1951

Sydney, February 13. The Sunday Herald today published a report from its London correspondent stating that people in close touch with Buckingham Palace said the earliest possible date for a Royal tour to Australia and New Zealand was January, 1951.

Political and health reasons made an earlier date extremely unlikely, the report said. The King could not be out of England during the general election, which would probably be in May, 1950.

By July this year, the latest that a 1950 tour could be announced—the King's health would not be advanced sufficiently for his doctors to give the consent to an arduous overseas journey—Reuter.

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Attorney General Gives Speech On Rule Of Law

Ms. Mandeville
Arrives On
Maiden Trip

The Ms. Mandeville arrived here yesterday on her maiden voyage from the United States. She will join the Barber Fern Line round-the-world fleet, calling at Manila, Straits ports, the Mediterranean, ports, and the American Atlantic coast.

Built at Glasgow, Scotland, the Mandeville was commissioned on November 30, 1948. Equipped with a six-cylinder Daimler-Benz engine, she has a maximum speed of 16 knots.

The Mandeville has accommodations for 112 passengers, and modern long-distance sea traveling amenities. There is a dining saloon, a bar, a lounge, a smoking lounge, a thermomix heating system throughout all the accommodation, and electric heaters in the four single and four double cabins.

Measuring 460 feet in length, she is fitted with all latest navigation aids, including echo-sounder, radar, gyro compass and radio telephone.

She has cargo space of 8,750 tons and 8,500 cubic feet of refrigerated space.

For loading and discharging cargo, she has 14 five-ton derricks, four 10-ton derricks and one 20-ton derrick. She has five cranes.

Israel To Reject Suggestion

Rhodes, February 13. Israel's delegation to the Palestine armistice talks here will reject the Egyptian suggestion that Jewish-held Aqaba near the Egyptian border be declared a "neutral zone," it was stated today by a conference source.

There had been suggestions that Israeli acceptance might break the six-day deadlock on the armistice pattern in Southern Palestine. Another factor slowing up the progress has been the illness of Dr. Walter Eytan, leader of the Israeli delegation, who has kept to his bed for the past week.

Dr. Eytan today had a conference with his leading advisers, including Mr. Elias Sassoon, his Arab affairs expert. No positive move in the negotiations is expected until Monday at the earliest when Colonel Ygal Yadin, the leader of the Israeli military staff, returns from Tel Aviv. He left there yesterday.

Dr. Ralph Bunche, the United Nations acting mediator, and the Israelis are believed here to be worried that the slow progress is jeopardizing settlements with the other Arab States. —Reuter.

The Hon. J. Bowes Griffin, Attorney General, was the guest of honor at the monthly luncheon of the Wah Yan Post Students' Association on Saturday.

The speaker was introduced by the President of the Wah Yan Post Students' Association, Mr. Ko Fook-sun.

Rising to address the gathering, Mr. Bowes Griffin chose as his subject "The Rule of Law."

Defining his theme, he declared it to be the eternal desire of human beings to conduct themselves with others along lines of decency and justice, and so distinguish themselves from animals.

It is an instinct which has been repressed at times by tyranny and despotism but which has never been completely suppressed. Gradually it took definite shape in the civilization of the Mediterranean countries in the culture of Athens and Rome.

Finally it was fused in the mould of set rules in the conjunction of the two greatest systems: Roman Law intertwined with the rationalising influence of Christianity.

The speaker said that this system gradually spread over Europe even to the outposts, to Britain. With the triumph of barbarism the Roman Empire and its system broke down.

The main of the system, which survived and even developed for the island was safe from the storm and vicissitudes of the European continent.

There, the system grew. The desire and demand for the rule of law became inherent and innate. In England, executive power was gradually restrained and controlled. It was no longer arbitrary and irresponsible and an independent judiciary guaranteed rule by law.

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Reminders

Today

Lecture on "The use of naval bombardment in support of the Army" China Fleet Club theatre by HKVDC, 8.30 p.m.
Trooping of the Colours of the 1st Battalion The Buffs, Stanley Fort, 11 a.m.
Air Exhibition by Miss Chan Sal-ching, Hotel Cecil, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
Lecture on "Are We Sheep or Men?" by Rev. Fr. Macgill, St. Mary's School Hall, 8.30 p.m.
HK Football Referees' Meeting, Association Office, Prince's Bldg., 8.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
HK Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Rediffusion" by Mr. F. Harris, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Urban Council meeting GPO Bldg., 4.15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Tue. H. Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Rd., 8.30 p.m.
HK Council of Social Services, lecture on "Infant and Child Welfare" by Miss K.K. Burns, PRO lecture room, 5.30 p.m.
Games Morning, Women's Section, European YMCA, 10 a.m.
Talk by Mr. D.W. Macintosh, Commissioner of Police, at European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

No Japan Withdrawal, Army Says

Washington, February 13. The United States Army denies today that there is any plan to withdraw American occupation forces from Japan.

In a statement, the Army said that the Secretary of the Army, Mr. William H. Draper, Jr., on Saturday, declared categorically that the Secretary of the Army, Mr. Royall, had made any statement indicating any withdrawal from or possible abandonment of Japan either during war or otherwise, nor had he done so by any implied statement.

Mr. Draper added that he had been in personal communication with Mr. Royall in order to answer queries concerning recent press statements attributed to the Secretary, and that he was making this denial on Mr. Royall's direct authority.

Mr. Draper did not say where the reports had been published. Mr. Royall has been making a tour of the Far East, including visits to Japan and Korea. He is now in Hawaii en route to the United States. —Associated Press.

Treason Trial In Prague

Prague, February 13. A State court here today sentenced one of 29 people accused of anti-State activity to life imprisonment with hard labour, and two others to 25 years' hard labour.

It was alleged that two students, Jan Schneider and Janek Klein, had returned from Bavaria as agents of the United States Counter-Intelligence Corps, and organised the group of 29 accused. Schneider was sentenced to 20 years' hard labour, and Klein, tried in his absence, was sentenced to death. Nine of the accused received shorter terms, totalling 17 years, and five were acquitted. —Reuter.

B-36 Bomber The "Most Perfect"

New York, Connecticut, February 13. The B-36 bomber is now ready to strike so powerfully and so far with atom bombs that it can do in one day what would take whole armies years to accomplish.

A statement to this effect was made here today by the Air Secretary, Stuart Symington.

He called the giant six-engine B-36 the "most perfect vehicle" the Air Force has yet found for delivering an atomic weapon.

He pointed out that the Lincoln City bomber is a real Catholic. He said it is only the beginning.

Mr. Symington said: "Now and then B-36s are on the way to make that inter-continental bomber the 'most perfect vehicle' the Air Force has yet found for delivering an atomic weapon."

Finnish Flag Makes Re-Appearance In Port

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

The first Finnish ship to call at Hong Kong within a decade arrived here yesterday. She is the 9,000-ton freighter Tranvik, one of the few large ocean-going vessels of the nation, bringing more than 9,000 tons of coal from Japan.

Heading the cosmopolitan crew—which boasts of 12 nationalities—is Mr. Isidor Eriksson, the 72-year-old Finnish master, who is seeing the Colony for the first time after 53 years of sailing.

The Tranvik is one of the two largest ocean-going ships of the A.B. Benline O.Y. Finland's second biggest shipping organisation.

The crew includes natives of Panama, Honduras, Norway, Spain, Portugal, Nicaragua, East India, Ecuador, Germany, Sweden, Mexico and Finland. There are also Finnish officers including the master, and 15 Finnish sailors.

"Our nation is facing great odds in expanding her shipping activity," the genial master said. "Because of her national debts, the nation can not afford to buy expensive and large vessels, but has to depend upon war surplus craft available."

The Tranvik was bought in 1947, together with her sister ship, the Frovick. Both were Liberty ships, but were reconverted for their peace-time purposes in America. The Tranvik left Helsinki late in 1947 for her maiden trip to India with an all-Finnish crew.

At several ports of call, however, some of them deserted, and foreign crew were recruited at New Orleans and Goa.

Finland's shipping is progressing slowly. The A.B. Benline has 12 ships, of which the Tranvik is the newest. She is the only one serving the Indian ports.

"The Russians treat our nation fairly well," Mr. Eriksson declared. "The people have no complaint regarding food or material. If you have money, well, there's nothing lacking there."

Finland is reconstructing gradually. The Russians did not take much away and we are rebuilding on our previous properties," he stated.

Narrow Escape
Mr. Eriksson began his nautical career at 16 as a cook aboard a wooden sailing cargo vessel. During the war he had a narrow escape from enemy fire when his freighter, plying between Buenos Aires and Iceland, was torpedoed between Faroe Island and Iceland.

Only one man was killed. The others, including the veteran skipper, were picked up by a British ship after drifting for five and a half days in rough seas.

"I am very happy to command this ship. She is leaving for America soon, where I may be able to see my son after all these years," the septuagenarian said.

Conspicuous among the varied goods, sundries, firemen and deckhands, are the two Germans.

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NORWEGIANS TO STAND WITH WESTERN POWERS

Russia Told To Look Elsewhere

Santiago, February 12. "Antarctica is not vacant and Russia will have to look elsewhere for a continent ready to accept the so-called dictatorship of the proletariat," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said today in reference to Moscow demands for a voice in Antarctica.

Simultaneously, a survey ministry communiqué said Chile's current Antarctic expedition had been unable thus far to relieve the garrison at the O'Higgins Land base because icebergs are blocking the way.

The Navy Ministry refused to confirm or deny reports that its plans to establish a third Chilean base in Antarctica had been abandoned for this year because of adverse weather conditions.—United Press.

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Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mail close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Post close at 6 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Closing Times by Air
Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon GPO) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m., (GPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.40 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking, Tientsin and Peking: Airmail for Kowloon and Luchow: Airmail for Swatow, Amoy and Tainan, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Fuzhou, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
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Airmail for Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
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Japan, 2 p.m.
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Oslø, February 13. Norway's mind is made up. She will stand with the West regardless of Russia.

The risks were calculated far in advance by the icy calm statesmen of this Northern land. They are convinced that the greatest danger of war lies in unsatisfied ambitions and restlessness.

Norway's present development of foreign and military policy started soon after the shock of Czechoslovakia's capture from the inside a year ago by Communists who take orders from Moscow.

Norway had already had a lesson in 1940 from the Nazi invasion that neutrality is no defence against aggression. But the downfall of Czechoslovakia Democracy taught Norwegians more than that. It showed that sincere attempts to build a bridge between East and West earned no gratitude from Russia. No scrap of national independence could be tolerated on Soviet frontiers, but only vassal states.

Former Norwegian bridge builders now are among the staunchest advocates of a common

defence for the West. If they need any prodding, they read Oslo's Communist newspaper, which makes it clear that Norway must join the Red camp without reservation or else.

Fat On Nerves

Of Norway's six parties, only the Communists oppose military ties with the West.

There is a universal desire, however, to avoid any nervous act or frightened attitude which might provoke Russia. An unwritten rule is that Norway's 3,150,000 people should refrain from doing or saying things to irritate needlessly their country's relations with the Soviet Union. As Norwegians say, "we have fat on our nerves." They mean they can stand a cold war without succumbing to jitters. Last week-end, for example, they got more excited about Norwegian victories in an international ice skating meeting than Russia's latest warning messages.

Unrealistic Sweden

In joining up with the West, the Norwegians have carefully explored practically every possibility of bringing along Sweden and Denmark. Three Scandinavian defence conferences in the past few months resulted from Norway's initiative.

Sweden's reluctance to depart from her 135-year-old tradition of neutrality is understood here. If a way could be found for a Scandinavian defence bloc to have outside material support without reciprocal commitments, the Norwegians would accept it like the Swedes. But the West terms are different. Norway will agree to these terms.

Some Norwegians predict that Denmark will ultimately follow their lead and join an Atlantic military partnership. Sweden appears determined to preserve her neutrality at all costs.

Norwegians look upon the Atlantic Pact as securing peace, not promoting a war.—Associated Press.

Curtailed Hockey Fixtures

Yesterday's Hockey Association Fixtures, which were curtailed as a result of two games being postponed, failed to produce any upsets.

The two fixtures postponed were the Rovers v Dockyard and Army v Khalsa games.

At King's Park, Royal Navy, displaying better understanding in the forward line, beat Cable & Wireless by six goals to two, after leading by five clear goals at the interval.

Cable & Wireless were slow in taking the initiative and lost many scoring chances through slow wing support. They made an unexpected recovery late in the game, however, scoring two goals in less than 15 minutes after Navy had scored their sixth goal from a penalty bully.

The Dutch HC v Police game which was a fast and robust affair, ended in a draw, the teams sharing four goals.

Police were the first to score, but before half time, the Dutchmen equalised with a fine shot.

The second half was keptly contested, with both sides trying hard for goals. Police went ahead again, but soon lost their lead and had to be content with a draw, the Dutchmen playing out time.

Detailed results:
RAF 3 Universally 0
Royal Navy 6 Cable & Wireless 2
Police 2 Dutch HC 2
Civil Service 2 YMCA 0

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Week-End Scores At A Glance

SENIOR LEAGUE	
Saints	4 Canadians 11
VRC	10 Overseas 3
Baseballers	7 Americans 0
Madcaps	7 Chung Hwa 0
Filipinos	7 Khalsa 0
(Americans, Chung Hwa and Khalsa failed to turn up and their games were forfeited)	
JUNIOR LEAGUE	
Black Hawks	14 Rovers 0
Braves	14 Wildfires 7
Rangers vs. Vikings	postponed.

Home Rugger Results

London, February 12. Today's rugger—

Union: Inter-Services Tournament—Royal Navy 0 RAF 11. Other matches: Blackheath 11 Richmond 6. London Hospital 5 Stroud 3. London Scottish 19 Northern 3. London Welsh 5 Bedford 0. Old Mill Hillians 0. Old Merchant Taylors 0. Rossly Park 11. Norths 0. St. Bart's Hospital 3. Middlesex Hospital 33. Wasps 3. Old Alleynians 0. Aldershot Services 8. St. Thomas Hospital 8. Bath 13 Gloucester 3. Bradford 5. Huddersfield 0. Cardiff 32. Plymouth Albion 0. Coventry 9. Birkenhead Park 3. Cross Keys 19. Penarth 0. Exeter 10. St. Mary's Hospital 3. Leicester 3. Newport 22. Maccles 8. Cheltenham 3. Manchester 0. Moseley 15. Neath 8. Llanelli 0. Northampton 0. Pontypool 3. Nuneaton 11. Rugby 3. Oxford University 0. Bristol 3. Swansea 9. Guy's Hospital 0. Torquay Athletic 20. Royal Navy Engineering College, Devonport 0. United Services, Portsmouth 11. Devonport Services 17. Waterloo University Athletic Union 6. Weston-super-Mare 22. Old Paulines 3. Heriot's Former Pupils 8. Glasgow Academicals 3. Stewartians Former Pupils 3. Royal High School Former Pupils 3. Watsonians 3. Edinburgh University 13. Saracens 14. Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers 0. Old Leysians 5. Old Camlethians 12.

League Cup, first round, first leg: Bradford Northern 3. St. Helen's 4. Castleford 10. Bramley 15. Featherstone Rovers 2. Huddersfield 4. Rochdale 5. Hull 4. Halifax 0. Hunslet 22. Salford 0. Leeds 16. Batley 2. Liverpool Stanley 3. Wakefield Trinity 32. Normanton 9. Belle Vue Rangers 9. Oldham 9. Broughton Moor 0. Vase Taverners 11. Warrington 17. Hull Kingston Rovers 7. Whitehaven 0. Kelghley 0. Wigan 11. Leigh 12. Workington Town 6. Widnes 7.—Reuter.

COMBINED OPERATION

Kedah, February 13. Malayan and Siamese columns joined forces at several points along the Malaya-Siam frontier today but so far no contact has been made with Communist insurgents on either side of the border.

A Government communiqué said that all known exits on the Malayan side of the Kedah-Siam frontier have been blocked by British, Malay and Gurkha troops.

These columns of Siamese troops are ready to begin a push to strong-hold Communist territory on the Siamese side of the border. This combined operation, called by the British, will be the largest operation undertaken since the Communist rising began.—Associated Press.

PEP REGAINS WORLD TITLE

New York, February 12. Willie Pep regained his world featherweight title at Madison Square Garden, New York, last night when he outpointed Sandy Saddler over 15 rounds.

Saddler, who won the title from Pep in October by a knock out in the fourth round, was so confident of victory in the return bout that he planned to visit Britain in the spring as the world champion.—Reuter.

Canadians Triumph Over St. Joseph's

(By "GRANDSTAND")

The Senior Softball League pennant was practically decided yesterday when the Canadians triumphed over St. Joseph's 11-4. In the Junior loop, the Braves overtook defeat at the hands of the Wildfires with a rally after being two down in the last inning.

Black Hawks accounted for the Rovers 14-0, while the Vikings-Rangers game was postponed at the 11th hour.

Points were awarded to the Filipinos, Madcaps and Baseballers as three senior league teams failed to appear on the field.

The Canucks-Saints clash, which had all the earmarks of a knock-down, drag-out affair for five frames, with the score tied at three-all, suddenly became a fiasco as the Maple Leaf outfit pushed over right fielders in the sixth to put the game on ice.

Junior Markar led off for the Canadians and drew a walk. Luke Bunn's two-bagger put two runners on base, and Big Boy Barker's timely single drove both runners across the plate for a single.

George Lee next poled one out to right field where Ramon Castr played too deep and the third marker dented the rubber.

In the Saint's half of the inning, Showboat Young's double, and Dave "Ban" Homer produced out-of-the-park homer produced two runs, as Stan Leonard and Jindoo Hussain fled out.

Both sides settled down to tight playing and neither side could score for the next two frames but in the fourth Ramon Castr scored the equalizer on a single aided by Sherry Buck's bingle.

In the sixth chapter, the Canucks threatened with a runner on first, but a brilliant double play from Dave Leonard to Ozzie to Stan Leonard snuffed Junior Markar and Luke Bunn.

Explosive Sixth

The fifth frame passed scoreless but the explosive sixth started when Saint hurler Sherry Bucks loaded the sacks on two successive walks and a single.

None away and Junior Markar lifted a fly to centre field where Jindoo Hussain lost it in the sun. The bungle cost two runs, and another timely double by Luke Bunn drove in another pair of tallies.

By the time the Maple Leafers had more than batted around, and the dust had settled, a big "E" decorated the score-board against the Saints.

For the remainder of the game the Saints could only reply with a feeble attempt in their half of the sixth when Dave received a life via Junior Markar's fumble and scored on Tiger Hussain's muff.

It was a humiliating day for the power-packed Saints to have their pennant aspirations smashed by their rivals who fielded their weakest infield line-up this season.

It was a crazy master-mind that played for five outs for no less than nine of the 21 outs were caught on the fly, not including those that were muffed.

In the other Schlur League encounter, VRC again fielded a depleted nine which included Charlie "Warhorse" Figueroa in the right garden.

Nevertheless, they managed to emerge victorious over the Overseas contingent 10-3.

The Warriors' clash off with a barrage of 100-base hits by Gus Pereira, George Saunders and Eric Guest, which gave them a cluster of five runs in the first inning.

The uprising was only smothered when left-fielder You gathered in Gerry Roza-Pereira's towering fly.

Ymer Erikson, who had his eye on the batting lead, drew two walks in his first two attempts at bat, and in the third time whiffed unmercifully.

In his next try, he was rewarded with a hit but his fifth attempt resulted in a fumbled grounder for a one in three performance.

Almost An Upset
An upset was almost created in the minor loop as the Braves, starting Junior Remedios on the mound nearly succumbed to the Wildfires, and by a stroke of luck managed to pull the game out of the fire with a seventh inning rally.

Wildfires took the lead from the start as they registered a trio of counters to the Braves two. A further three-run uprising in the fourth put the Wildfires ahead 6-2 while the Braves failed to score.

In the fifth, the Warriors cut down the deficit with a couple of counters and tallied twice again in the sixth to regain the lead by the slim margin of one run.

This advantage had an ephemeral existence for the Wildfires came right back and equalised in their half of the frame.

In the Braves final lick with the willow, Pasqual Remedios fled out while Carl Yvanovich batted foul, for two down. Fernao Vas started off the last ditch stand with a two-bagger, followed by Ramon Loureiro's single and Chapple Remedios' grounder to fill the bases.

Eddie Remedios tapped one out in the infield but the peg to first was bungled and after that the Braves took advantage of the break and almost scored at will. The game ended 14-7.

The Black Hawks, who are improving with every game, toppled the Rovers 13-3, aided by a bit of fancy slugging which included a homer by Windy-alley guardian Benny Silva.

Naples, February 13. One thousand Jewish refugees from China, brought here from Shanghai by the International Refugee Organisation, left here last night for Haifa on board the vessels Teli and Caserta.—Reuter.



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Canada Wants Equal Voice In Air Base Issue

Washington, February 13.

The Canadian Prime Minister, Louis St. Laurent, today called for an equal voice for Canada in the operation of strategic United States air bases in Newfoundland.

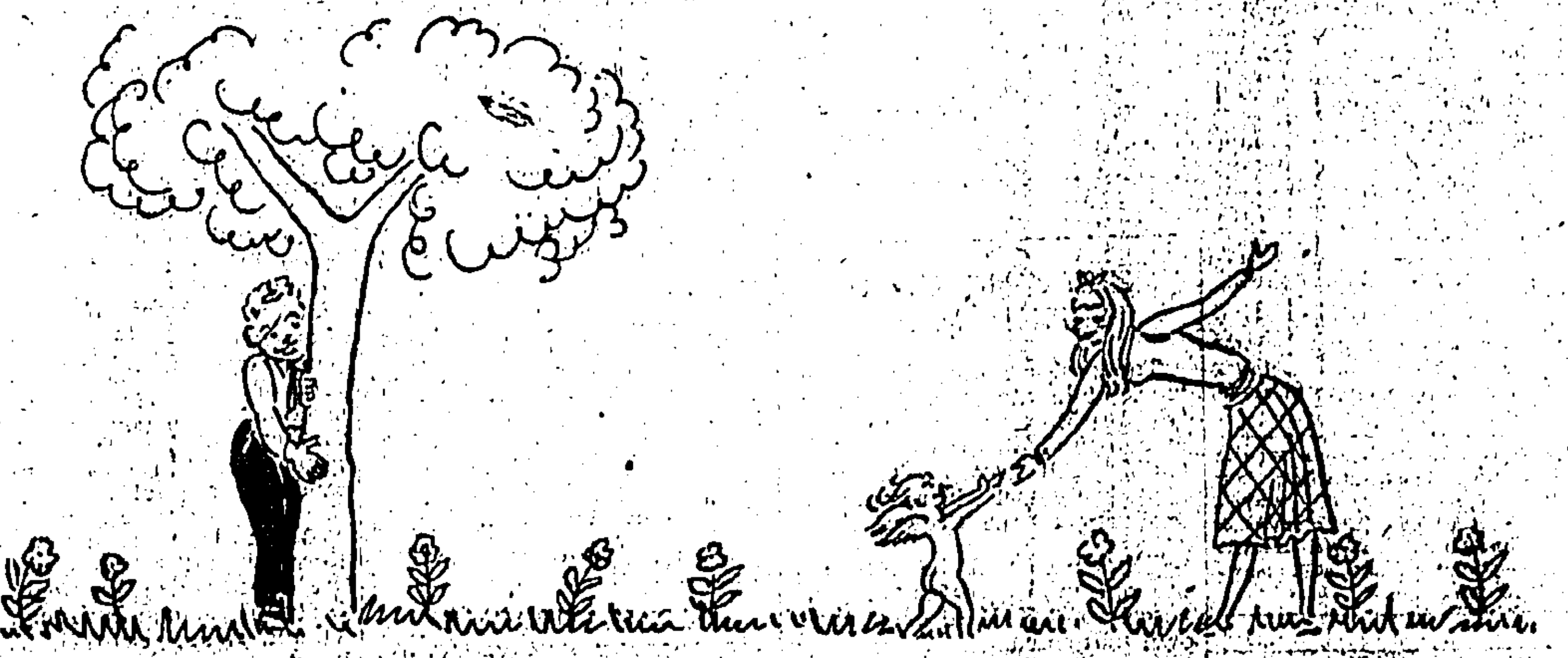
The Canadian Prime Minister, who arrived here last night for talks with President Truman and other officials, told a news conference: "We think it preferable for full co-operation between Canada and the United States to have rights under these bases shared jointly."

The United States has a 50-year lease on three Newfoundland air bases obtained in 1941. But Newfoundland becomes a province of Canada on March 31 and St. Laurent indicated that the Government will like to see the bases administered under the

principles of the Canadian-American joint defence agreement after that date.

Regarding the joint Canadian-American defence plans, Mr. St. Laurent said that the proposal for a Northern radar screen for such great expenditures that there will not be money enough for anything else.

He described the subject of the proposed North Atlantic security pact as vital to Canada and said he expects to discuss current negotiations later. His part duty in his two-day stay here.—United Press.



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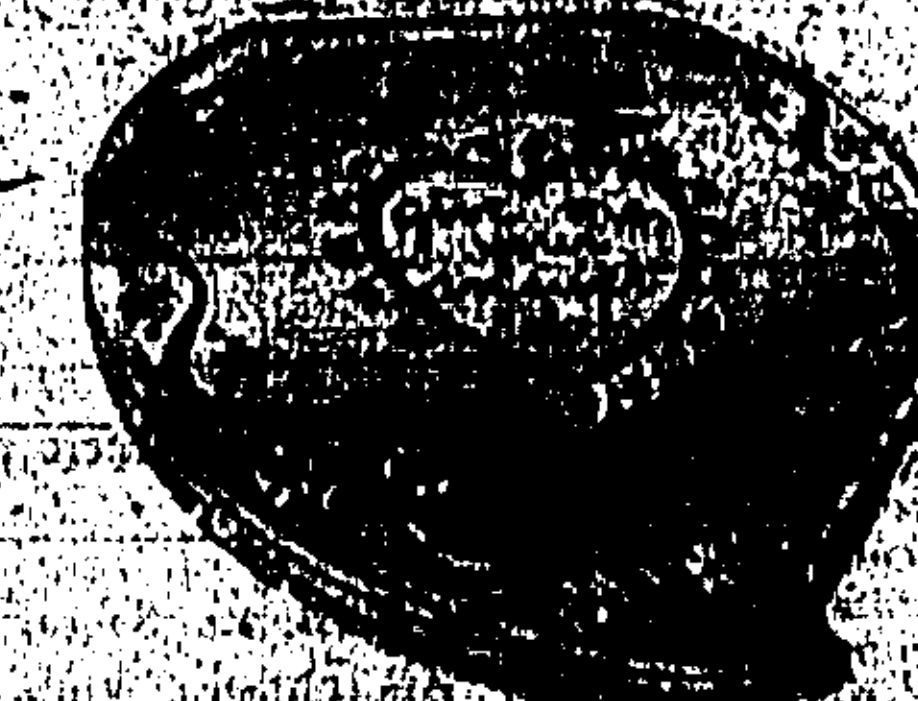
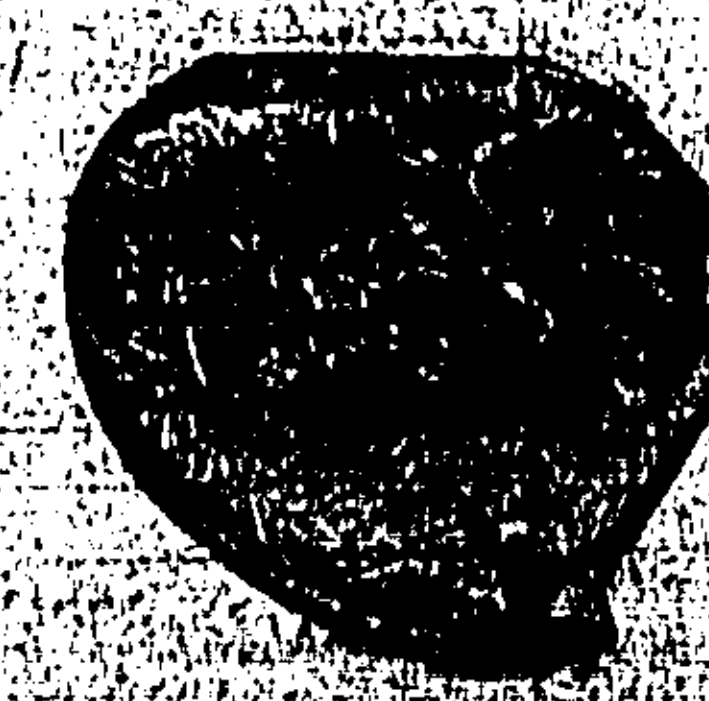
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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Second Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 26th February, 1949, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 17th February, 1949.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN
Secretary.

BREAKING UP OF "SEISHU MARU"

Tenders are invited for the work of breaking up the vessel "Seishu Maru" at present lying at moorings off the China Fleet Club. All scrap recovered from the vessel will remain the property of the Crown.

Tenders will be afforded the option of breaking up the vessel in R.N. Yard or at their own shipyard.

Tender forms, conditions of tender, and permission to view the vessel will be issued by the Naval Store Officer, H.M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, on the payment of a deposit of H.K.\$ 1,000.00 to the Officer, H.M. Dockyard from Monday to Friday, 14th to 18th February, 1949. Deposit will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

Completed tenders must be returned to the Naval Store Officer by hand in a sealed envelope marked "Tender" for Scapping "Seishu Maru" not later than noon Monday, 21st February, 1949.

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HKVDC Headquarters, Garden Road, Hong Kong — open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hong Kong Cricket Club, opposite Supreme Court — open 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Kowloon Cricket Club, Cox's Path, Kowloon — open 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Club de Recreio, King's Park, Kowloon — open 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Club Lusitano, 16, Ice House St., Hong Kong — open 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Registration is open to both men and women and applicants will be offered the choice of either joining the HKVDC or the Special Constabulary, or of indicating that they are willing to offer to serve in an emergency without electing now to join any specific organisation. Further details may be obtained from the officers at the registration centres.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS
ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday, the 28th day of February, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

- To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
- To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1948.
- To elect two Directors.
- To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 14th February, 1949, to the 28th February, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 1, 1949.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixtieth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Friday, 25th February, 1949, at 12 noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the period ended 31st October, 1948, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 15th February, 1949, to Friday, 25th February, 1949, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LIMITED,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, Feb. 7, 1949.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG
PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF Leslie Isabel Puckle (nee Brunner) of Ivy House Chufstoke in the County of Montgomery, England, Married Woman, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 7th day of March 1949.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 8th day of February, 1949.

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RECONSTRUCTION OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

Messrs. William Powell Limited (hereinafter called "the Company") has applied to the Registrar of Companies for leave to reconstruct its Register of Members, under Section 12 of the Companies (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance 1947 and Section 3 of the Companies (Reconstruction of Records) (Amendment) Ordinance 1948.

The statutory declaration in support of the application and the exhibits thereto (being list of persons who it is believed are entitled to be registered as shareholders of the Company and Report of Messrs. Percy Smith & Co., Chartered Accountants, Windsor House, Hongkong on the Reconstruction of the Register of Members) can be inspected, on payment of the prescribed fees, in the office of the Registrar of Companies, Courts of Justice, Hongkong. A copy of the statutory declaration and the exhibits thereto may also be inspected at the Company's Registered Office during ordinary working hours.

All persons who claim to be entitled to be registered as shareholders of the Company and who have not already done so must notify the Company of their FULL NAMES AND ADDRESSES, their claim, and the evidence upon which it is based WITHIN THREE MONTHS from the 14th day of February, 1949.

Persons who hold Share Certificates and Transfer deeds (if any) are requested to produce them at the Company's Registered Office. If they have not already done so, Shareholders who have lost their Scrip are requested to write to the Company giving all known particulars of their holding and the circumstances of the loss, when further information will be given as to any further evidence required.

All notices and communications should be addressed to the Company at its Registered Office, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong.

Signed—E. W. McCarthy,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong.

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NOTICE

Owing to the necessity of making certain mechanical repairs to the Engine Room NO TRAMS will run on WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, the 16th and 17th FEBRUARY, 1949.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LTD.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, Feb. 14, 1949.

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THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on Saturday the 5th day of March, 1949, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 18th of February to Saturday the 5th of March, 1949 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
A. MORSE,
Chief Manager.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Tuesday 8th March 1949 at 12 noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948 and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

NOTICE is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th February 1949 to the 8th March 1949 both days inclusive during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

AND NOTICE is hereby also given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on the same day at 12.30 p.m. or so soon afterwards as the Ordinary General Meeting shall be concluded, when the subjoined Resolution will be submitted:—

THAT the Authorised capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$2,000,000 divided into 300,000 Shares of \$10 each (of which the whole have been issued) to \$10,000,000 by the creation of 700,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$10 each and that such additional shares as aforesaid shall be issued at such time or times and upon terms and conditions as the Company's Board of Directors in their absolute discretion shall think fit.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LTD.,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, Feb. 9, 1949.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Second Race Meeting,

Saturday, 26th February, 1949.

There are nine races, the first will be run at 1.30 p.m. The first race will be run at 2.00 p.m. and the last at 8.00 p.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE. Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10, including tax, are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller's Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, (Tel. 2715).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE. The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSSES. Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with their ladies and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted to enter the Members' Enclosure or to stand on their ladies' seats.

WAR DEPARTMENT

By Order of C.R.A.O.C. HQ LAND FORCES the mentioned will be sold by tender.

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Tenders close at 1200 hours February 28, 1949.

THE BRITISH COUNCIL

LIBRARY AND READING ROOM

The British Council Library is open daily from 10.30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Books may be borrowed from 10.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on week-days and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. The reading room is open on Saturday and Sunday afternoon from 2.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. as well as on other evenings of the week.

Statue Square
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THE BRITISH COUNCIL

THE GROWTH OF PARLIAMENT

The first in a series of five lectures will be given tomorrow, Tuesday, 15th February, at 6 p.m. by Mr. Brook Bernacchi in the Club Lusitano, Ice House Street.

The lecture will be accompanied by Film Strip illustrations.

Statue Square
Hong Kong.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the above Association will take place at the Y.W.C.A. Down Town Centre, Rutton Building, 4th Floor on Monday, the 28th day of February, 1949 at 5.30 p.m.

All interested are welcome.

(Mrs.) M. FINCHER,
Acting Secretary.

NOTICE

THE CHINA COAST NAVIGATION AND ENGINEER OFFICERS' GUILD

A meeting of the Management Committee of the above Guild will be held at the office, Union Building, 21, Pedder Street, Hongkong, at 5 p.m. on Monday, February 14th, 1949.

GEORGE T. LLOYD,
General Secretary.

Hongkong, February 12, 1949.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



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By Shepard Barclay

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FREAKS NEVER CEASE

THERE is no limit to the different kinds of freak occurrences at the bridge table. Just when you think you have experienced every kind of queer thing that can happen, along comes another to add to your store of oddities. Can you imagine someone bidding and making a grand slam after an opponent had opened the auction with a game-forcing two-bid? Especially with the contract doubled, and then redoubled by your partner?

S J 10 8 4 2
H A 5
D 7
C A 10 8 6 2

S 6 3
H J 10 8
D 4 3 2
C 5 3

S None
H 6
D Q J 10 8 4
C K Q J 9 7 4

(Dealer: East. Both sides vulnerable.)
East South West North
2 S 3 D Pass 3 NT
4 S 6 C Pass
Dbl Pass Pass Rdbl

The vast majority of high-ranking players would not bid two on East's hand, but at the average social game that call would be made. South's bidding was readily understandable, but North's was based on considerable imagination, courage and confidence. Her redouble was consistent, since if her bid of 7-Clubs was sound in the first place, the redouble was doubly sound, as it would increase the possible gain much

more than the possible loss. That is exactly what happened, for South made the contract.

The spade 6 was led and ruffed by the club 4, the club 7 sent to the A and the diamond Q finessed. The diamond 4 was ruffed, the heart A scored and the heart 5 ruffed high. The diamond 8 was then ruffed high and the rest of the tricks taken by clubs and diamonds.

North, Mrs. Olive Sutton, one of New York's most enthusiastic duplicate devotees, explained afterward that she had so many of the spades rebid by East that she was sure her partner had none. In addition, her partner had seen fit to bid six without the ace of trumps so that this vital card was the key to going the rest of the way.

The point here is not that East "did not have a two-bid," but that he made a two-bid, and the successful grand slam was bid in spite of it.

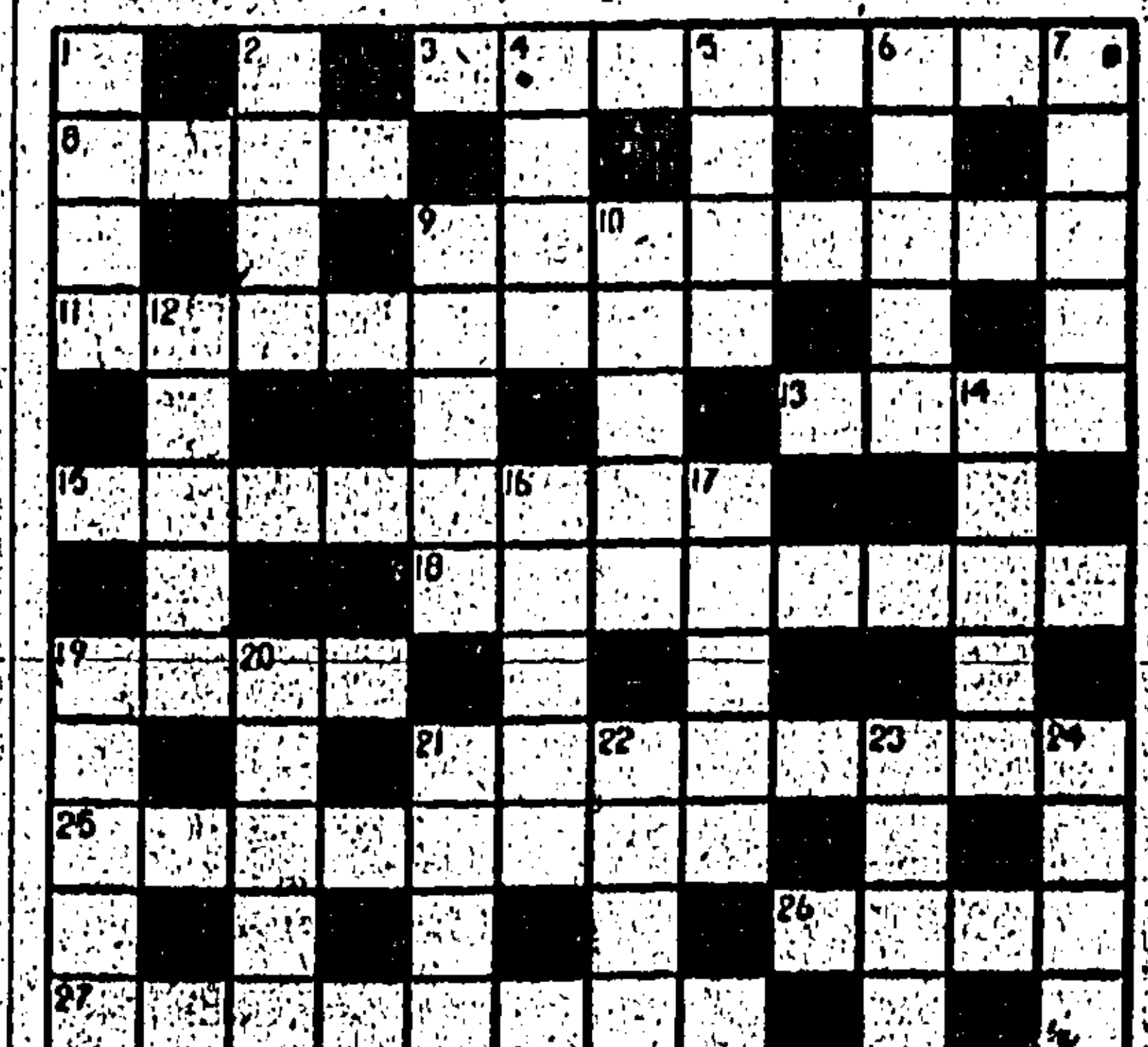
Tomorrow's Problem:
S A Q 10 7
H 5
D 9 3 2
C A 10 9 8 3

S J 9 5 3
H 8 7 6
D Q 6 5
C 7

S 4
H A K J 10 4
D A K J 10 7 4
C 4

(Dealer: North. Both sides vulnerable.)
What is the soundest play by South for 4-Diamonds after the club 7 lead?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 3 Eggs.
- 8 Harvest.
- 9 Hoarding.
- 10 Apparatus.
- 11 Exalted.
- 12 Curt.
- 13 Disadvan.
- 14 tugs.

DOWN

- 1 Land measure.
- 2 Attitude.
- 4 Tidy.
- 6 Incursion.
- 8 On the move.
- 7 Penitent.
- 9 Swift.
- 10 Excludes.
- 12 Depart.
- 14 Solitary.
- 15 Courteous.
- 17 Calm.
- 18 D8.
- 19 Numerical.
- 20 Plunge.
- 22 Error.
- 23 Way out.
- 24 Cultivate.

Saturday's Crossword

ACROSS—Remind, 4. Pasha, 7. Volatile, 8. Frame, 9. Estate, 11. Narrative, 12. Strands, 13. Stream, 14. Sister, 15. Molecules, 20. Legal, 21. Survey, 22. 15, 17, 20.

DOWN—1. Revue, 2. Idaho, 3. Supper, 4. Prefer, 5. Separate, 6. Address, 10. Flaming, 12. Assets, 13. Shakes, 14. Normal, 16. Recite, 17. Moby, 18. Squares, 19.

CABINET RESHUFFLE IN THE NETHERLANDS

Weather. On The Rampage

London, February 12. Weather reports from the world's five continents told today a fog, snow, icy winds, a cyclone and droughts threatening lives.

Nearly 6,000 people are marooned by heavy snow in California and Idaho. They include 4,000 workers isolated in a caravan town near Quincy, California, who feared their homes would be swept away if warmer weather melted the snow.

In Gujarat, the North Bombay province, 4,000,000 people and 1,000,000 head of cattle are suffering from a prolonged shortage of food and water.

More drought is reported from Nyasaland, Central Africa, where many of the country's 2,500,000 Africans are eating only grass, seeds and bulbs. Maize, meal and grain will be rationed from Monday to a pound a day for each worker in the crop growing area. Thick fog shut down the air-lift into Berlin this morning but limited operations were resumed later. The fog also brought shipping to a standstill on the lower Elbe river. Several ships were damaged. Light snow fell in Paris. In Australia, a big cyclone centre was reported off the Western coast.—Reuter.

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KORBUS

TOMORROW
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Gaudette Colbert
in
"BOOM TOWN"

The Hague, February 13. Disagreement over Indonesian policy led to a Cabinet shuffle today in the Netherlands Government.

J. H. Van Maarseveen, Minister of Interior, was appointed Minister of Overseas Territories to replace Dr. E. M. Sassen, who resigned on Friday night in a row over Holland's future course in the Indies. Both are members of the Catholic party.

Sassen's resignation is said to have averted a worse Government crisis. The new Minister is expected to clarify the Netherlands' attitude towards United Nations decisions on Indonesia.

The commission obtained the Republican viewpoint on the UN Security Council blueprint for the creation of an Indonesian Republic by July 1, 1950. A spokesman said the commission was invited to visit the Republics again next week.

The commission released to the press the Netherlands' reply to its request for information on a reported Dutch plan to speed up the transfer of Dutch authority to an independent state.

UN Commission

Meanwhile, a three-man UN Commission conferred yesterday with Indonesian Republic leaders at Pankaj-Pinang on Bangka Island. They talked with President Soekarno, Premier Mohammed Hatta and the rest of the Republic Government leaders confined to the island by their Dutch captors. The Dutch have thus far ignored a UN order for their release.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.35 p.m.—Melodica from British Radio (Hutchins).
1.00 p.m.—Piano Parade by Patricia Donohue.
1.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—New Light Symphony Orchestra.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
2.05 p.m.—Programme Summary.
2.10 p.m.—"It's Swing Time."
2.30 p.m.—Portuguese Half Hour.
2.40 p.m.—World News and News Analysis.
2.45 p.m.—The Adventures of Charlie.
2.50 p.m.—Hospital Request Half Hour presented by Nan Dickinson.
3.00 p.m.—"From the Editor's Desk."
3.10 p.m.—English Madrigals sung by the Cambridge University Madrigal Society.
3.30 p.m.—"Like What I Like" presented by Sydney Walsh.
3.40 p.m.—Lucienne Boyer and Charles Trenet, Entertainers.
3.45 p.m.—Film Review by Rosa Arnott.
3.50 p.m.—London Playhouse "The Quiet Week-End."
4.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel.
4.10 p.m.—Weather Report.
4.15 p.m.—London Studio Concert, The Westminster Orchestra Conducted by Denis Wright.
4.15 p.m.—Music for Dancing.
4.30 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

Whisky Might Draw Them

Melbourne, February 13. An adequate supply of whisky for farm workers may be one way of stopping the population drift from rural areas to cities, according to Albert J. Reading, grazier of Callawadda. Appearing at a court hearing on application of a wool producing company for a spirit merchant's licence, Reading said he would like to get two cases of whisky a year for his farm hands. Labour is scarce in the country and amenities are needed, he said.—United Press.

Guerilla Attack On Florina

Athens, February 12. Heavy fighting is still raging in the area of the Northern Greek town of Florina where Greek Government forces earlier today said they had smashed a guerilla attack on the town.

A guerilla army 4,000 strong began moving towards Florina early this morning from the West and North West and captured some points dominating the area.

Government forces counter-attacked and beat back the guerillas who withdrew in confusion with tremendous casualties, tonight's Government communiqué said.

One rebel action which attempted to penetrate the centre of the army's defences was cut off and compelled to surrender, it added.

The Greek General Staff announced tonight that the Army had captured more than 200 rebels and that the guerillas suffered heavy losses, with rebel dead filling the ravines around their positions. Meanwhile, the "Free Greek" Radio, heard in Belgrade, said Greek guerillas today blew up the Athens suburban home of M. Kohnala, a deputy chief of police.—Reuter.

Jet Plane's 710 MPH

Dayton, Ohio, February 12. An American F-86 single-jet plane set up a new unofficial speed record of 710 miles an hour for the 390 miles from Dayton to Washington yesterday, the Air Command said today.

It completed the flight in 33 minutes three seconds. Officials said they will not claim any official record, because the flight started as a routine mission. The F-86—a fighter with swept back wings—in the same type of plane as Major Richard Johnson, Air Force test pilot, used last September to establish an official world speed record of 670.981 miles an hour.—Reuter.

New Look Creator Shows New Models

Paris, February 12. Christian Dior, creator of the "New Look," presented 170 models at his much awaited fashion show here.

Complete femininity, ease of movement, pure lines and harmony of colour are the characteristics of the collection.

Skirts are shortened to mid-calf and evening gowns are a trifle above the ankle. M. Dior has banished the rigid collar of classic tailor-mades. Short basques of jackets are often open at the back and stiffened on the front. They are worn over straight, narrow skirts and dresses. Many dresses are buttoned from the neck to the hem. Narrow sheath dresses have detached and elaborate panels, the same length as the skirt. Shirt dresses have pressed pleats and small straight collars, with a big bow under the neck. One named "Auteuil" is in printed foulard. Fullness is given by an inverted pleat on the front and pleases pleats at the back. Silks predominate in the collection and lace is also frequently used. For day wear, dresses are often embroidered with handmade open work. Short evening dresses have pearl trimmings, or flowered embroideries. Evening coats are embroidered with pearls and rhinestones, or amethyst buttons.—Reuter.

PONTIFF'S ATTACK ON "ENEMIES OF GOD"

Vatican City, February 12. Pope Pius today made a public pronouncement on unity and alliances. Rome diplomatic quarters interpret the pronouncement as Papal approval of the proposed North Atlantic and European Union pacts.

The Pope expressed approval of steps that have been taken to unite together in ever closer alliances.

British and American diplomats say the statement is accepted as an indirect recognition of efforts by the Western nations to create such a political unity.

The Papal statement is in the form of a letter to Catholics throughout the world.

The Pope said: "The conflict between good and evil has seldom, if ever, been so acute as it is today."

The Pope's historic exhortation calls for special masses throughout the world on Passion Sunday, on April 3, "to expiate the crime of the enemies of God."

Hatred Of God

The Pontiff does not name "those countries where a conspiracy has been formed against the Lord and against his Christ," but leaves no doubt that he refers to Russia and her Communist allies. "We speak of atheism, or rather hatred of God," the Pope declares. He said: "The iniquity of the unrighteous is incredible and without parallel."

"The enemies of God," he added, "are spreading evil almost all over the world like a virulent disease."

The apostolic letter is one of a series of moves in a counter-offensive against the enemies of the Church.

In another move, the Vatican extended the major excommunication of persons connected with the Mindzenty case to include those who took part in ordering or motivating his trial.

War Fears

The Pontiff's letter mentioned the general fear of another war and new weapons which will cause immense destruction and continued: "Such disasters must be warded off. We welcome with approval the steps that have been taken to unite together in ever closer alliances."

He warned that such plans will be a "faltering attempt founded upon quicksand unless there prevails everywhere a strong sense of brotherhood of men which renders mutual contracts sacred and secure, strengthens pacts and welds communities together."—United Press and Associated Press.

ULSTER'S DECISION

Belfast, February 12. Sir Basil Brooke, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, speaking today on the Unionist victory in Thursday's general election, said: "Ulster has demonstrated to the world its allegiance to the Crown, its oneness with the British Commonwealth, its repudiation of the repulsive notion of incorporation in a Gaelic republic."

Sir Basil's message said: "By refusing to be seduced, from its traditional loyalty, Ulster has remained true to itself. It now faces the future with redoubled determination to remain British in spirit and outlook and to continue as a member of a family of nations destined to play a leading part on the stage of world affairs."

The new 62-member House of Commons will meet on March 1.

Mr. A. Johnston, organizer of the Northern Ireland Labour Party, which suffered badly in the election, said today that he will report to the British Labour Party on breaches of the election law and other irregularities which, he alleges, marked the campaign and the voting.—Reuter.

IRENE DUNNE HONOURED

Hollywood, February 12. Miss Irene Dunne, the film star, received a diamond heirloom crown yesterday from the Society of Norwegian Playwrights for her contribution to a better understanding of the Norwegian character in the film "I Remember Mama."

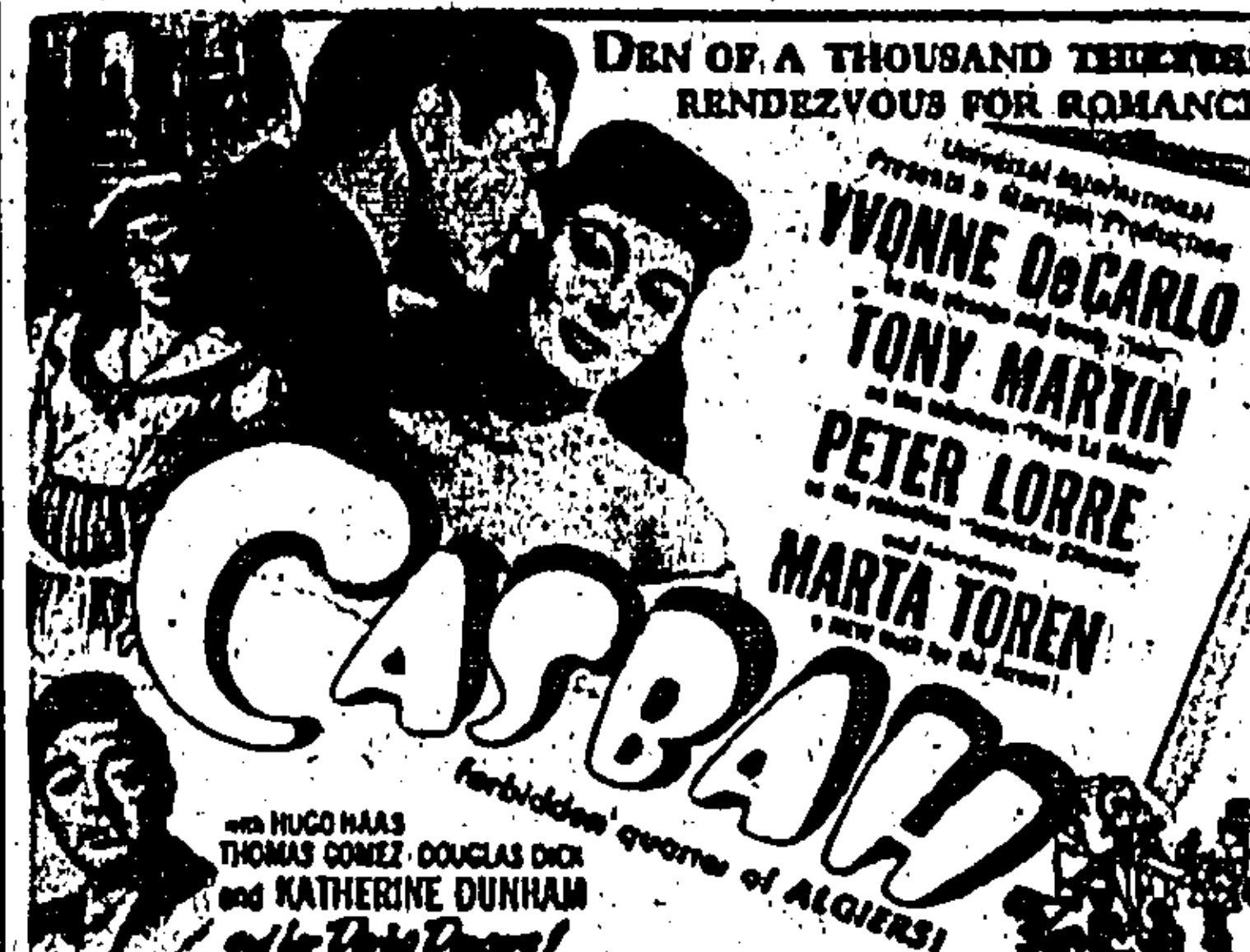
The film portrayed the life of a Norwegian family in the United States at the beginning of this century.—Reuter.

WARNER'S FILM ON MINDSZENTY

New York, February 12. Warner Brother film studios today announced plans to produce a film on the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty.

They declare the film will be in the interests of democracy, freedom and religion and the fundamental rights of human dignity.—Reuter.

SHOWING TODAY KING'S



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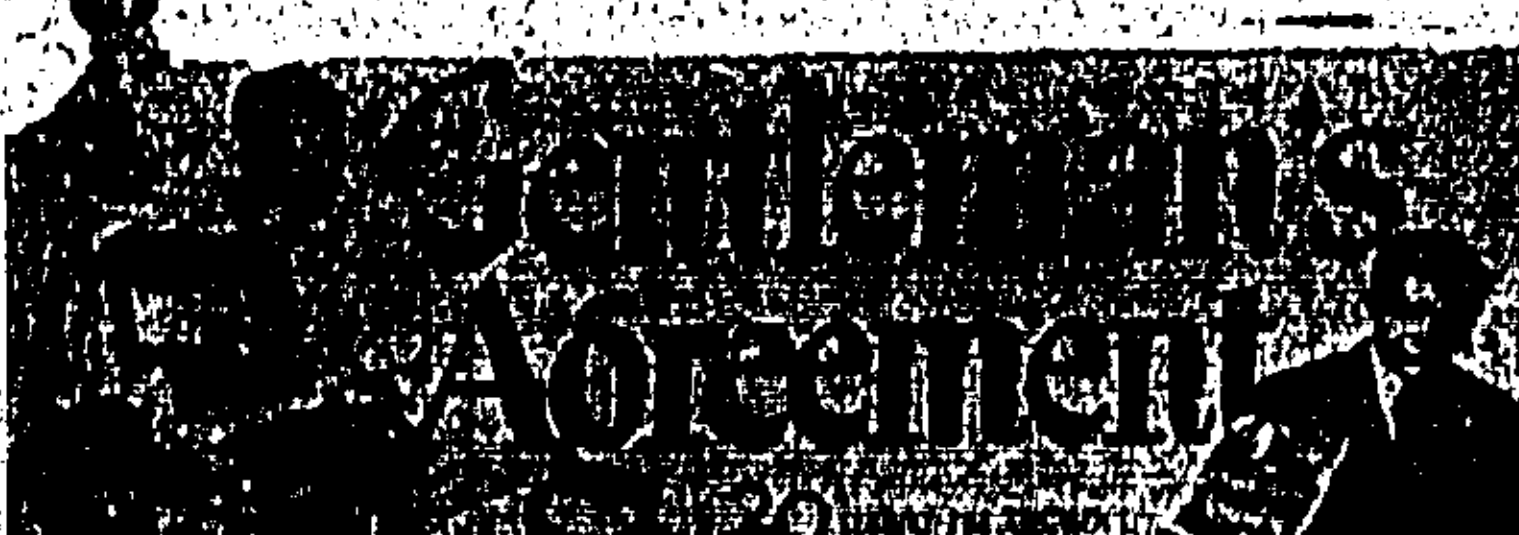
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BIRTH

HARMON—At Queen Mary Hospital on 13th February, 1949, to Winifred Louise (Kitty), a daughter.

BRITAIN'S GOLD AND DOLLARS

By taking into account the grants made under the Marshall Aid, Britain last year had £35 million more in gold and dollar reserves than in 1947. Total reserves at the end of 1948 amounted to £457 million. This was £55 million less than at the end of 1947. But as they did not include about £90 million to be reimbursed by the U.S.A. as part of the Marshall Aid to Britain in 1948, the total, therefore, was really about £547 million, or some £35 million increase in 12 months.

But the position is not as simple as that. First, these reserves do not really belong to Britain alone. Britain is a banker of the Sterling area and so they are in effect reserves of the whole Sterling area.

In a different way, the needs of a number of other countries which carry off a good part of their international trade in sterling have also to be thought of. Including these countries, the influence of sterling spreads to about 46 per cent or almost one half of the world's population. The second consideration is that, within the yearly change in balances, there was a net withdrawal of no less than £423 million. This was to meet the still heavy deficit in the Sterling area's trade and financial transactions with the dollar area and with certain other countries.

This deficit was very much lower than the gold and dollar deficit in 1947 which was £1,024 million. Wide-spread economies in dollar earnings brought about this much needed improvement. But the figure of £423 million is still far too large. It is a reminder of the effort still needed by the whole Sterling area to economise on dollar payments. It is also a reminder of the effort still needed to expand Sterling area exports to U.S.A., to Canada, to some of the smaller dollar countries of the Western Hemisphere, and to Switzerland and Belgium.

The Sterling area is currently having to pay considerable sums in gold in order to balance its accounts with them. This deficit in 1948 was offset partly by Britain's drawings on the U.S.A. and Canadian credits and by purchase of gold from the International Fund for sterling. But the Marshall Aid accounted for about half of the receipts. In other words, without Marshall Aid, the Sterling area reserves would have been in danger of running down to danger levels. Britain and her partners would have had to slash dollar imports and restrict other payments in dollars even more drastically.

Effects not only on consumption standards, but on production in many countries of the Sterling area, would have been severe. But these dangers were averted. So Marshall Aid is helping not only Britain, but, indirectly, all other members. The processes to strengthen world usefulness of sterling are being steadily increased.

Trade within the Sterling area is unhampered by most of the restrictions which apply outside of it. Members are also not worried about the temporary differences in balances due to one another. Sterling balances in London can rise and fall

An abortive action round Arras had shown that the B.E.F. and the French First Army could not carry out Gen. Weygand's belated plan for a break-through to join up with a new French Army Group on the Somme. Lord Gort had already proposed as an alternative a withdrawal to the Channel ports. In the hideous dilemma which now presented itself, we accepted the Weygand plan and made loyal and persistent, though now ineffectual, efforts to carry it out until May 25, when, all the communications being cut, our weak counter-attack being repulsed with the loss of Arras, the Belgian front being broken and King Leopold about to capitulate, all hope of escape to the Southward vanished. There remained only the sea. Could we reach it, or must we be surrounded and broken up in the open field? In any case the whole artillery and equipment of our army, irreplaceable for many months, must be lost. But what was that compared with saving the army, the nucleus and structure upon which alone Britain could build her armies of the future?

Lord Gort, who had from the 25th onwards felt that evacuation by sea was our only chance, now proceeded to form a bridgehead around Dunkirk and to fight his way into it with what strength remained. All the discipline of the British, and the qualities of their commanders, who included Brooke, Alexander and Montgomery, were to be needed. Much more was to be needed. All that man could do was done. Would it be enough?

Disputed Episode

A much-disputed episode must now be examined. General Halder, Chief of the German General Staff, has declared that at this moment Hitler made his only effective direct personal intervention in the battle. He became, according to this authority, commander-in-chief of the armoured formations because they were in considerable danger in a difficult, country, honey-combed with canals without being able to attain any vital results.

He felt he could not sacrifice armoured formations uselessly, as they were essential to the second stage of the campaign. He believed, no doubt, that his air superiority would be sufficient to prevent a large-scale evacuation by sea. He therefore, according to Halder, sent a message to him, Brauchitsch, the Commander-in-Chief, ordering the continuation of the advance by the armoured, Rundstedt, would have none of it. He did not pass on the order to the Fourth Army Commander, Kluge, who was told to continue to husband the panzer divisions.

Halder states that he refused, on behalf of O.K.H. (Supreme Army Headquarters), to interfere in the movement of Army Group Rundstedt, which had clear orders to prevent the enemy from reaching the coast. The quicker and more complete the success here, he argued, the easier it would be later to repair the loss of some tanks. The next day he was ordered to go with Brauchitsch to a conference.

The excited discussion finished with a definite order by Hitler, to which he added that he would ensure execution of his order by sending personal liaison officers to the front. Kettel was sent by plane to Army Group Rundstedt, and other officers to the front command posts.

Same Story

Other German generals have told much the same story, and have even suggested that Hitler's order was inspired by a political motive, to improve the chances of peace with England after France was beaten. Authentic documentary

within wide limits while transactions are not regulated by complicated trade and payments agreements and are not subject to detailed control. Then, with sterling as the most widespread international currency in use today, trade can be conducted between a wide group of countries on the basis of free movement of goods between each and all. The benefits are the expansion of trade. Proof of this is to be found in the fact that countries now outside the Sterling area are finding it easier to expand and develop their international trade if they are ready to accept payment in sterling. If Britain and her partners in the area can continue to improve their economic position, this acceptability of sterling will spread even more widely.

evidence has now come to light in the shape of the actual diary of Rundstedt's headquarters written at the time. This tells a different tale. At midnight on the 23rd orders came from Brauchitsch at O.K.H. placing the Fourth Army under Rundstedt for "the last act" of "the encirclement battle." Next morning Hitler visited Rundstedt, who represented to him that his armoured, which had come so far and so fast, was much reduced in strength and needed a pause wherein to reorganise and regain its balance for the final blow against an enemy who his staff diary says was "fighting with extraordinary tenacity."

Moreover, Rundstedt foresaw the possibility of attacks on his widely-dispersed forces from North and South. In fact, the Weygand Plan, which it had been feasible to see the obvious Allied counter-stroke. Hitler "agreed entirely" that the attack East of Arras should be carried out by infantry and that the mobile formations should continue to hold the line Lens—Béthune—Aire—St. Omer—Gravelines in order to intercept the enemy forces under pressure from Army Group

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post not) take place, and craft required for above purpose are to return to Dover.

Calais was the crux. Many other causes might have prevented the deliverance of Dunkirk, but it is certain that the three days gained by the defence of Calais enabled the Gravelines waterline to be held and that without this, even in spite of Hitler's vacillations and Rundstedt's orders, all would have been cut off and lost.

Upon all this there now descended a simplifying catastrophe. The Germans, who had hitherto not pressed the Belgian front forward, on May 24 broke the Belgian line on either side of Courtrai, which is but 30 miles from Ostend and Dunkirk.

By May 23 the 1. and 11. Corps of the B.E.F., withdrawn by stages from Belgium, were back again on the frontier defences North and East of Lille, which they had built for themselves during the winter. The German scythe-cut round our Southern flank had reached the sea, and we had to shield ourselves from this. As the facts forced themselves upon Gort and his Headquarters, troops had successively been sent to positions along the canal at La Bassée—Bethune—Aire—St. Omer—Watten. These with elements of the French XVI. Corps, touched the sea at the Gravelines waterline. The British III. Corps was responsible in the main for this curbed-in flank facing South. There was no continuous line, but only a series of defended "stops" at the main crossings, some of which, like St. Omer and Watten, had already fallen to the enemy. At this date the total frontage of the B.E.F. was about 90 miles, everywhere in close contact with the enemy.

Vital Decision

In the evening of the 25th Lord Gort took a vital decision. His orders still were to pursue the Weygand plan of a Southernly attack towards Cambrai, in which the 5th and 6th Divisions, in conjunction with the French, were to be employed. The promised French attack Northwards from the Somme showed no sign of reality. The last defenders of Boulogne had been evacuated. Calais still held out. Gort now abandoned the Weygand plan. There was in his view no hope of a march to the South and to the Somme. Moreover, at the same time, the crumbling of the Belgian defence and the gap opening to the North created a new peril, dominating in itself. A captured order of the German Sixth Army showed that one corps was to march North-Westwards towards Ypres and another corps Westwards towards Wytchaele. How could the Belgians withstand this double thrust?

Confident in his military virtue, and convinced of the complete breakdown of all control, either by the British and French Governments or by the French Supreme Command, Gort resolved to abandon the attack to the Southward, to plug the gap which a Belgian capitulation was about to open in the North, and to march to the sea. At this moment his view was the only hope of saving anything from destruction or surrender.

Belgian Gap

At 6 p.m. he ordered the 5th and 50th Divisions to join II British Corps to fill the impending Belgian gap. He informed Gen. Blanchard, who had succeeded Billotte in command of the First Army Group, of his action; and this officer, acknowledging the force of events, gave orders at 11.30 p.m. for a withdrawal on the 26th to a new position behind the Canal West of Lille with a view to forming a bridgehead around Dunkirk.

Early on May 26 Gort and Blanchard drew up their plan of withdrawal to the coast. As the First French Army had farther to go, the first movements of the B.E.F. on the night of 25-26th were to be preparatory and rearguards of the British First and

Second Corps remained on the frontier defences till the night of 27-28th. In all this Lord Gort had acted upon his own responsibility. But by now we also at home, with a somewhat different angle of information, had already reached the same conclusions. On the 23th a telegram from the War Office approved his conduct, and authorised him "to operate towards the coast forthwith in conjunction with the French and Belgian Armies." The emergency gathering on a vast scale of naval vessels of all kinds and sizes was already in full swing.

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"New Black List—Wanted By Reds." This sort of thing gives us the blues.

The Hong Kong ostrich has again reared its ugly head, in correspondence columns. There should be a joke here about the sand monopoly, but our building expert says that has ceased to be funny.

Soaps have been removed from the price control list. After all that dirty linen?

Now that a direct wireless telegraph link between the Hong Kong and Macao police has been established, there may be fewer customers buying one-way tickets.

An Italian committed suicide by placing a stick of dynamite in his mouth and lighting the fuse. The poor fellow must have completely lost his head.

It all a question of tact. A pickpocket tried his tricks on a police officer in multi. Teaching grandmothers to suck eggs?

An American naturalist claims to have discovered a parasite which can eat its way through the hardest metals. The Russians are frantically spraying their curtain three, times a day.

For most of us Christmas comes but once a year, but we hear about one and a half of a man with a model railway who gets up at 6.30 every morning to send off the first workman's train.

Cross-examining a witness. "I understand you drink, my man."

Witness: "That's my business?"

K.C.: "Would you tell jury if you have any other business?"

Students in American colleges may study Classics, Modern Languages and Mathematics. In fact, there is a long list of syllabuses. Latest addition is "Philosophy and Hotel Management."



"I wish to give myself up—I have just settled my income tax account."

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REQUEST FOR RECALL OF AMERICAN ENVOY

Hungary Accuses Truman Of "Brutal Interference" MILITARY ATTACHE INVOLVED

Budapest, February 12.

The Hungarian Government today asked the United States to recall the American Minister in Budapest Mr. Selden Chapin, and accused President Truman of brutal attempts to interfere in Hungary's internal affairs.

Hungary also informed the U.S. Legation that it will expel Lieutenant Colonel Peter J. Kopeck, assistant military attaché, unless he is withdrawn immediately.

The accusation against President Truman was made by Hungary's Communist Foreign Minister, Lázló Rajk, in an interview with the official Hungarian news agency MTI.

(The obvious United States retaliatory move would be a demand that Hungary recall its Minister to Washington, Andrew Sik.)

(In Washington, when asked what the United States intends to do about Sik, the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, replied: "I can't say. I just don't know." He said that William Cochran, Jr., will serve as chargé d'affaires at the American Legation as soon as Mr. Chapin leaves "for consultations" in Washington. Mr. Cochran is a member of the Legation.)

The Hungarian Foreign Minister attacked Mr. Acheson and the British Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, with Mr. Truman in his charges.

All three, he declared, have voluntarily misinterpreted and forged facts about Hungary.

A Hungarian spokesman announced the request for Mr. Chapin's recall after word was received that the request had been delivered to the State Department in Washington.

Military Attaché Accused

Asked if Hungary will be willing to accredit a new U.S. Minister, the spokesman replied: "The Hungarian Government is willing to grant agreement to any honest American citizen with a clear record. He can even be a negro."

(In Washington, the White House declined to comment on Rajk's statement. Mr. Acheson, however, said he stands on his statement earlier in the week that the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty was a "night of revelry" and that the Hungarian Government had sent a note to the American Legation asking that Colonel Kopeck be withdrawn immediately on the grounds that he had attempted to photograph and observe "eventual military objectives" on the Yugoslav border, had drawn a gun on restraining Hungarian officials and spent a "night of revelry" with two Hungarian prostitutes and another U.S. Army officer, Lieutenant-Colonel John P. Merrill.

The new developments bring to four the number of U.S. Legation members who have been declared persona non grata by the Hungarian Government since February 1, two days before the start of the Mindszenty trial.

"War Of Slander"

Stephen A. Kocsak, second secretary of the Legation, and Robin E. Steussy, third secretary, have left Budapest at the request of the Hungarian Government. They were accused of helping Hungarian citizens flee the country, while Chapin's name was mentioned repeatedly at the Mindszenty trial as being involved in a monarchist conspiracy to overthrow the Government.

Rajk told the MTI agency that "international reaction" had begun a "war of slander" against Hungary since Mindszenty was sentenced to life imprisonment for treason. He said: "President Truman and Secretary of State Acheson are participating in this war of slander, and Foreign Minister Bevin does not lag far behind them."

"They try to camouflage themselves as the centre of freedom and religion and human rights in an attempt to cover up their brutal attempts to interfere with internal affairs in this free and sovereign country, and their actual deeds of interference."

"Reviving Fascism"

"They have voluntarily misinterpreted and forged facts or ignored them in their accusations against the democratic activities of Hungary and the activities of this Government."

Rajk said that Mr. Truman, Mr. Acheson and Mr. Bevin used methods which are absolutely unacceptable.

"They ignored facts," he said. "They defended the Fascist defendant of the Mindszenty trial and in doing so they referred to the peace treaty which aimed to put an end to Fascism. It is obvious that American imperialism has not wanted to liquidate Fascism at all. On the contrary, it aims to revive it."

(Western powers have called Hungary's attention to the historical rights clause of the treaty requiring that she take all necessary measures to assure all persons under her jurisdiction freedom of religion, politics, expression and press.)

"French Ashamed"

The Foreign Minister declared that newsmen who covered the Cardinal's trial could see that Mindszenty and his accomplices aimed to overthrow the Republic, to annihilate the results of democracy and to restore the Hapsburg monarchy, hated all over the world.

(Rajk uses the words "republic" and "democracy" in the Communist fashion, meaning Communist state and Communist way of life.)

He said the trial also revealed that the Cardinal's activities were leading to responsible factors of certain Western powers.

"French Government circles, accepting humbly the orders of the American imperialists, made public a note of protest in their press which they forgot to deliver to the Hungarian Government," Rajk said. "They got ashamed, I assume."

Rajk concluded: "They cannot influence the Hungarian Government with brutal interference and it is also impossible to mislead international democratic opinion. Congress was for bringing the case of Mindszenty before the UN. He was backed by President Truman."

"The trial of Mindszenty uncovered the activities of imperialists and their Hungarian agents. We will face the discussion of the case before the UN," United Press and Associated Press.

BRITONS DETAINED BY PAKISTAN

Karachi, February 13.

Two British employees of Orient Airways of Pakistan, Adam Smith, a former Director of Operations of Civil Aviation for the Government of Pakistan, and Captain Neville Black, General Manager of Orient Airways, have been interned in their homes in Karachi by the Pakistan Government.

They are alleged to have been involved in selling a Dakota plane to foreigners without Government permission.

The Dakota was recovered in Bombay.

Pakistan police are investigating the mysterious disappearance of a Dakota from Karachi air port last month, Associated Press.

Sole Candidate In Portugal Election

Lisbon, February 12.

Portugal votes tomorrow to elect a President but only one candidate now remains in the lists—Marshal Antonio Oscar Carmona, 79-year-old head of the Republic.

His opponent, General Norton de Matos, 81-year-old Opposition leader, withdrew from the election last night, because he had not received sufficient guarantees from the Government of the seriousness of the election.

His withdrawal caused general disappointment to both Government and Opposition supporters. Although General Matos was not considered to have the slightest chance of winning the election, his supporters had become very enthusiastic and both sides were looking forward to voting in the first contested election for 23 years.

The Government has now exhorted all Portuguese to do their duty and vote tomorrow. "At this moment, abstention would be more than ever condemnable as it would give room for speculation," the Government's statement said.

General Matos today presented his formal statement of withdrawal to the High Court. In this, he promised a manifesto to the nation explaining fully his reasons for withdrawing.

A War Ministry communiqué last night said there had been rumours forecasting disorders in parts of Southern Portugal and steps had now been taken to repress rapidly and energetically any seditious attempts.

Lively Campaign

It is not considered probable that the security forces will intervene.

The Opposition leader won considerable support from the masses during a lively election campaign with his demands couched in highly-coloured language, for a full return to democracy.

He said then he would not stand unless the elections were completely free. The present regime was established in 1926 by a military uprising led by Marshal Gomes da Costa, whose Cabinet Marshal Carmona (then a general) was Foreign Minister.

During the campaign, the Government party has accused the Opposition of including Communists, a charge which lost General Matos some support. The freedom granted during the campaign was not the complete liberty demanded by the Opposition, but what the Government called sufficient liberty.—Reuter.

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The photo shows the Jordan Road wharf of the Vehicular Ferry.

Pacific Coast In Grip Of Slump

San Francisco, February 13.

Harry Bridges, chief of the powerful Longshore Union, blames the political situation in the Far East as one of the major causes of the current slump in Pacific Coast ports.

Mr. Bridges, president of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, said there are three major factors to account for the decrease in Pacific Coast shipping and growing unemployment on the waterfront.

These are:

1. Serious loss of foreign trade because of the political situation in China, Burma, Malaya, Indonesia and India.
2. Inequitable and discriminatory rail rates against increased tonnage movement by water, with particular reference to coastal and coastwise trade.
3. The East Coast and Gulf port authorities and shipowners, who are active with publicity campaigns which seek to divert more tonnage to their ports of cargo which formerly moved through Pacific Coast ports.

Bridges denied that labour troubles on the Pacific Coast are responsible for the loss in trade.

"The facts are," he declared, "that the industrial relations of the West Coast are as good, if not better, than that of Eastern ports."—United Press.

She Tried To Phone The Kremlin

London, February 12.

Mrs. F. M. Candler, aged 52, of London, today tried unsuccessfully to telephone Generalissimo Stalin and President Truman.

She will make another attempt, Mrs. Candler said tonight.

Mrs. Candler is a supporter of the crusade for a World Government. She followed up the pointless phone calls with telegrams to the Kremlin and the White House.

In her telegram to Generalissimo Stalin, Mr. Candler appealed as a "widow and mother" to a "father" on behalf of the "millions of women like myself" to co-operate with others in taking urgent steps to stop the drift to war.—Reuter.

INSTRUMENT AGAINST WAR

Preston, February 12.

The first "great instrument" against war is the British Commonwealth, the Commonwealth Relations Minister, Mr. Philip Noel Baker, told Labour Party regional delegates here today.

"I believe the Commonwealth now stands higher in the regard of other nations than ever, India, Pakistan and Ceylon have become self-governing nations and by their friendship we have a link between East and West," he said.—Reuter.

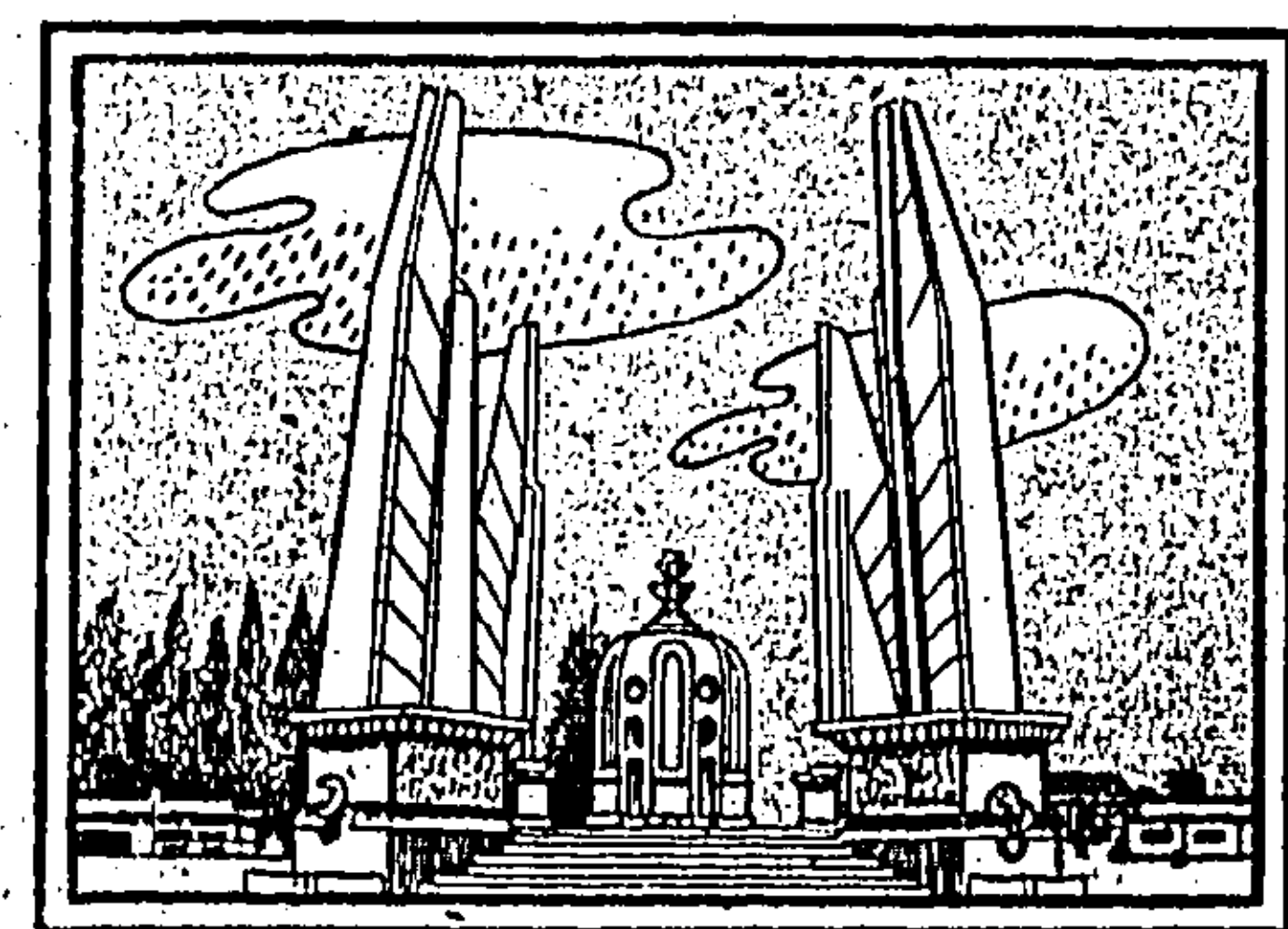
SHOTS FIRED IN VATICAN

Vatican City, February 12.

An Italian priest today fired several wild shots in a Vatican City courtyard and then critically wounded himself with a shot in the stomach.

The Vatican authorities identified the priest as André Blanchi, who arrived from Fort yesterday. They said that Blanchi, who is believed to be mentally ill, has been administered the last rites at a Rome hospital where his condition is said to be critical.

Several shots glanced off buildings but injured none of other priests nearby.—United Press.



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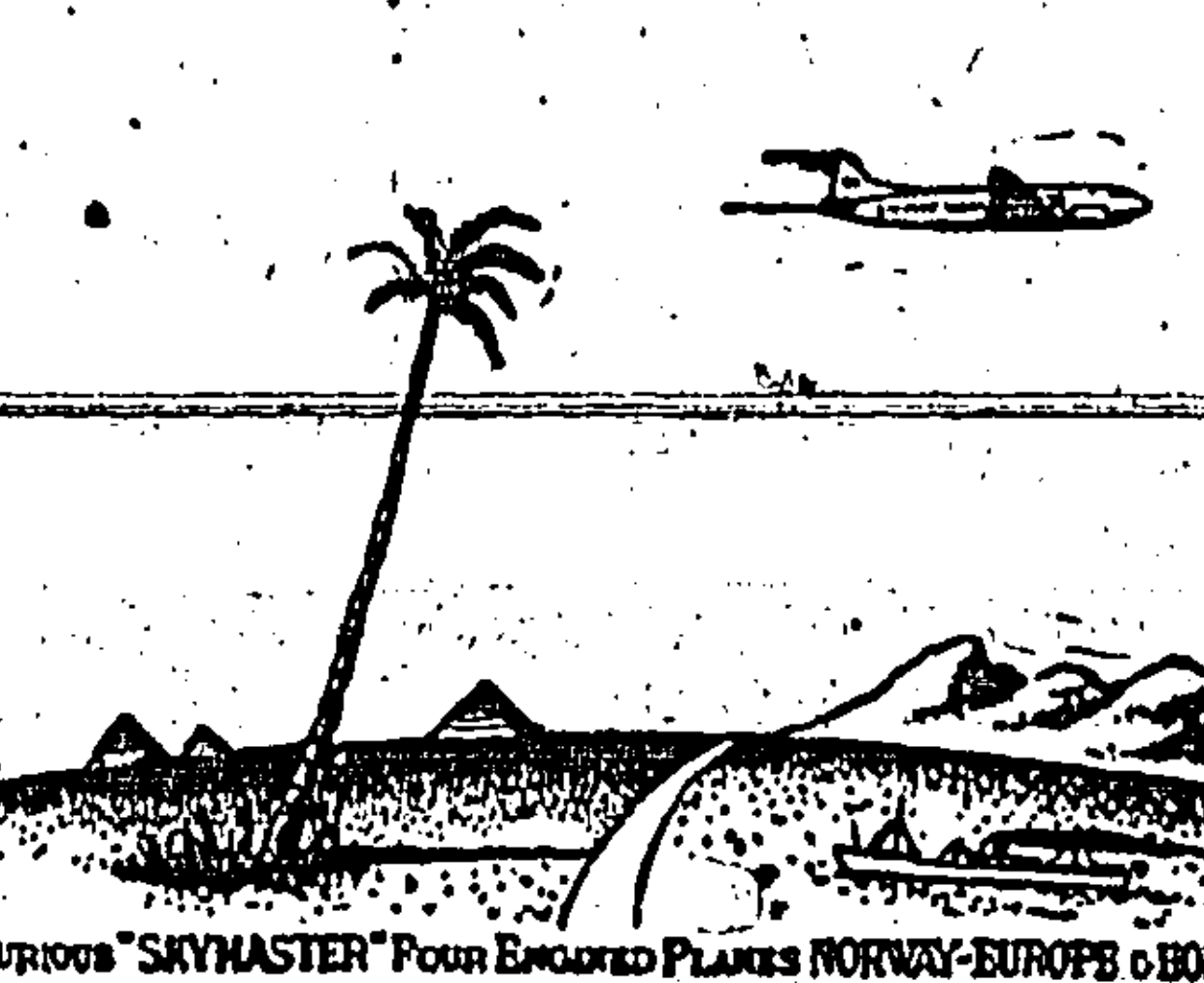
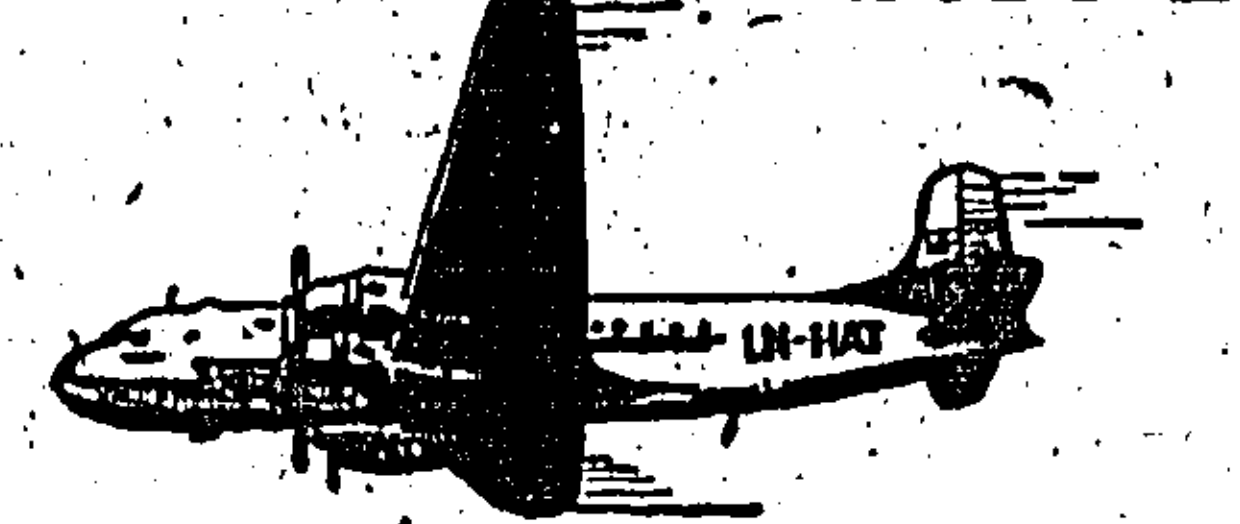


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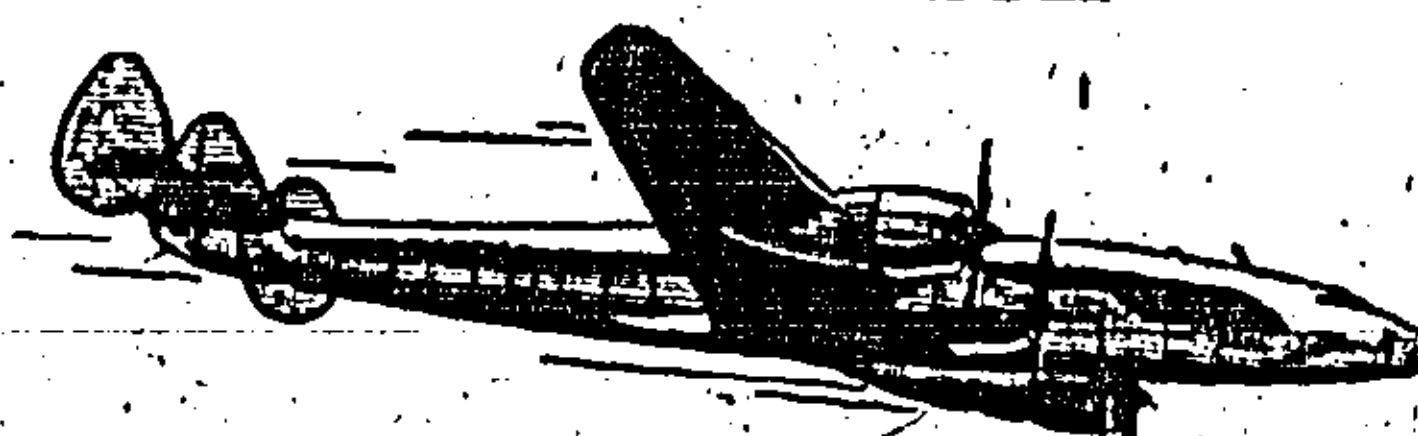
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I sometimes saw Field Marshal Brooke, General Frederick Morgan, Air Chief Marshal Tedder, Sir Andrew Cunningham, Field Marshal Montgomery, and other of the British service heads and high commanders with whom I had served during the war. All were my good friends. Strangely enough our conversations rarely turned backward, in the habit of old soldiers, to incidents of the war. Even then we seemed to sense that the future problems of peace would overshadow even the great difficulties we had to surmount during hostilities. Consequently our talk nearly always dealt with the probabilities of the future; particularly the prospects of establishing clear and mutually observed understandings between the Western Allies and the Soviets.

Chapter 23 OPERATION STUDY

IN THE SUMMER OF 1945, ALTHOUGH OUR MAIN effort was redeployment of troops, establishment of occupation, and execution of many minor tasks directly connected with our mission, we were also occupied in a professional sequel to the war—the study and evaluation of its lessons. The material confronting us was monumental in its bulk, and in its content unique. The campaigns in the Mediterranean and in Europe had no prior parallel in the history of warfare; throughout them, the United States Army

had engaged in operations without comparable precedent since its establishment in 1775. For the operations in Africa and Europe there had been involved the organisation of a vast ground force. Built around forty-seven infantry divisions and their artillery, it included sixteen armoured divisions and four airborne divisions, a mountain division, four seaborne brigades for the operations in Sicily and the beachhead in France, and besides amphibious and combat engineer units, brigade and separate battalions of anti-aircraft units, field artillery and tank destroyer battalions by the score. Equally stupendous was the growth of American air strength in those two theatres; between our entry in the war and the German surrender our fighter planes had won superiority over the Luftwaffe and our bombers had penetrated every German defence against them.

Inter-continental communications, transport and administrative systems were established and a military government structure was built to control millions of enemy nationals. Conduct of operations required co-ordination with the civil ministries of foreign nations organised differently from our own, combined staff methods of strategic command within our own military establishment, and diplomatic negotiations seldom entrusted to a combat force. No pre-war definition of the Army's mission could adequately have forecast the scope or ramifications of its job against the European Axis. From study of both achievements and mistakes much could be learned.

Purely military operations constituted a vast and continuous offensive, prolonged over many months, that required assessment and evaluation of its lessons. The task set for the Allied Force was one of the most difficult ever to confront an army in the field. From North Africa through Sicily and Italy and the assault against Festung Europa, our units had to land on beaches, fight many days without the support of even a mediocre port, make good their positions against superior ground forces, and finally build up a strength that could accomplish the complete destruction of the enemy.

In all the campaigns, and particularly in Western Europe, our guiding principle was to avoid at any cost the freezing of battle lines that might bog down our troops in a pattern similar to the trench warfare of World War I. At times in the conduct of any continental campaign there develops a strain upon supply lines that largely prohibits the continuance of heavy, decisive action. The combination of fire power, mobility, and air power that we used to accomplish our purpose had to be scrutinised so that the principles underlying its effective use might be incorporated into our military doctrine.

In addition to amphibious assault on an unprecedented scale, our forces had surmounted natural and fortified barriers that were believed invulnerable. In Africa, Sicily, and Italy the terrain we encountered was fitted by nature for defensive operations. In the Tunisian hills, on the shoulder of Mount Etna, and in the Apennines there were scores of vital points where a battalion could stop an army's advance. In Western Europe the Rhine throughout its length, reinforced on the North by the easily undated Netherlands, had been for twenty centuries the most formidable barrier to military operations against the German lands. All these natural obstacles were overcome.

Beyond that in Western Europe the Allied armies twice battered their way through fortifications that had been designed with the greatest tactical and engineering skill. To break through either the Westwall or the Siegfried Line was outstanding in military annals; to smash them both in the space of ten months was a matchless achievement for the participating troops.

It is easy to deprecate the value of fixed defences and fortifications. The Chinese Wall, the Roman Wall, and the Maginot Line all failed, eventually, in their defensive purposes. However, on any given section of front, any unit that is on the defensive and has the advantage of carefully prepared defences enjoys a tremendous superiority over its exposed opponents.

Against the Westwall we used surprise in our choice of the landing area and a tremendous concentration of power on a narrow front to achieve the initial penetration. The defensive fortifications lacked depth. Once they were broken in the lodgment area, our air and sea power assured us use of the beaches for build-up. The German, moreover, was largely isolated by the

destruction of his communications lines and bridges across the Seine and other rivers. Reinforcements poured in while his numbers were with difficulty maintained. The Siegfried Line was more formidable. Its defences included great mine fields, intricate networks of obstacles, tank ditches, concealed concrete blockhouses, and heavily fortified machine-gun nests, supported by artillery and auxiliary weapons, connected by a superlative communications system, backed up by a dependable line of supply over which could be moved rapidly reinforcements and munitions. In certain areas the defensive fortifications were several miles in depth. At others, river obstacles were utilised.

The task of penetrating and breaking through such fortifications presented the most serious, almost terrifying, problems to the attacking troops. Nothing is easy in war. Mistakes are always paid for in casualties and troops are quick to sense any blunder made by their commanders. Even though in the winter of 1945 some stretches of the Siegfried were held by hastily formed and inadequately trained defensive troops, its penetration on a large scale and the practical obliteration of the defending forces was a tribute not only to the extraordinary fighting qualities of the Allied soldiers and units, but to the determination and professional skill of their divisional, corps, army, and army group commanders.

To Be Continued

ROCKEFELLER OFFICE MOVING TO MACAO

Macao, February 13.

The regional office of the Rockefeller Foundation's International Health Division is to be moved from Shanghai to Macao. Dr. Robert B. Watson, head of the regional office, told the United Press that trustees of the Foundation in New York have approved the move.

The move is being made because of present conditions in Shanghai.

The regional office will confine its activities in Macao to the health administration of the division's offices in Japan, Formosa and India.

The Rockefeller Foundation began its work in China in 1915. Dr. Watson said, since when it has spent some US\$500,000,000 in the promotion of social welfare. During the period, 1924-41, an average of 20 Chinese students yearly were educated in the United States by the Foundation, together with a number of women in nursing schools.

Endowment Fund

He said the Peking Union Medical College is financed by the Foundation to the extent of about \$40,000,000, of which \$10,000,000 was spent for the building alone.

There is also an endowment fund of \$20,000,000 for the education of outstanding medical students.

At present the Foundation is subsidising five students from China, six from Japan, three from Korea, one from Formosa, three from the Philippines, and four from India, all studying in the United States.—United Press.

EIRE'S VIEW ON DEFENCE PACT

London, February 12. Eire's views on possible participation in the Atlantic Pact is that only a United Ireland could be defended with full military efficiency, a spokesman for Mr. John Dulaney, Eire High Commissioner in London, said today. "As long as Ireland is partitioned, the first essential of Irish participation is denied," the spokesman declared. "Only a United Ireland would be secure against internal disruption in the event of world conflict."—Reuter.

WAS RIGHT TO BEAT HIS WIFE

New York, February 12.

Judge Alex Pisciotto agreed today that a man ought to give his wife a beating if the provocation is great enough.

The provocation for Arthur Enrich was that his wife, Anna, tried to take her own life and that of their two children, Agnes, 6, and Arthur, 3.

Her reason? Arthur would not learn to dance.

That was the story Judge Pisciotto heard last Monday. Enrich told the judge that he came home from work to find the apartment filled with gas. He became so angry that he beat his wife, and Judge Pisciotto remarked that it sounded as though she needed a good spanking.

He told the couple to take their troubles to a priest and then return to court. Enrich returned alone today and told the judge that his wife had forgiven the whole affair. "I thought she would," the judge remarked.

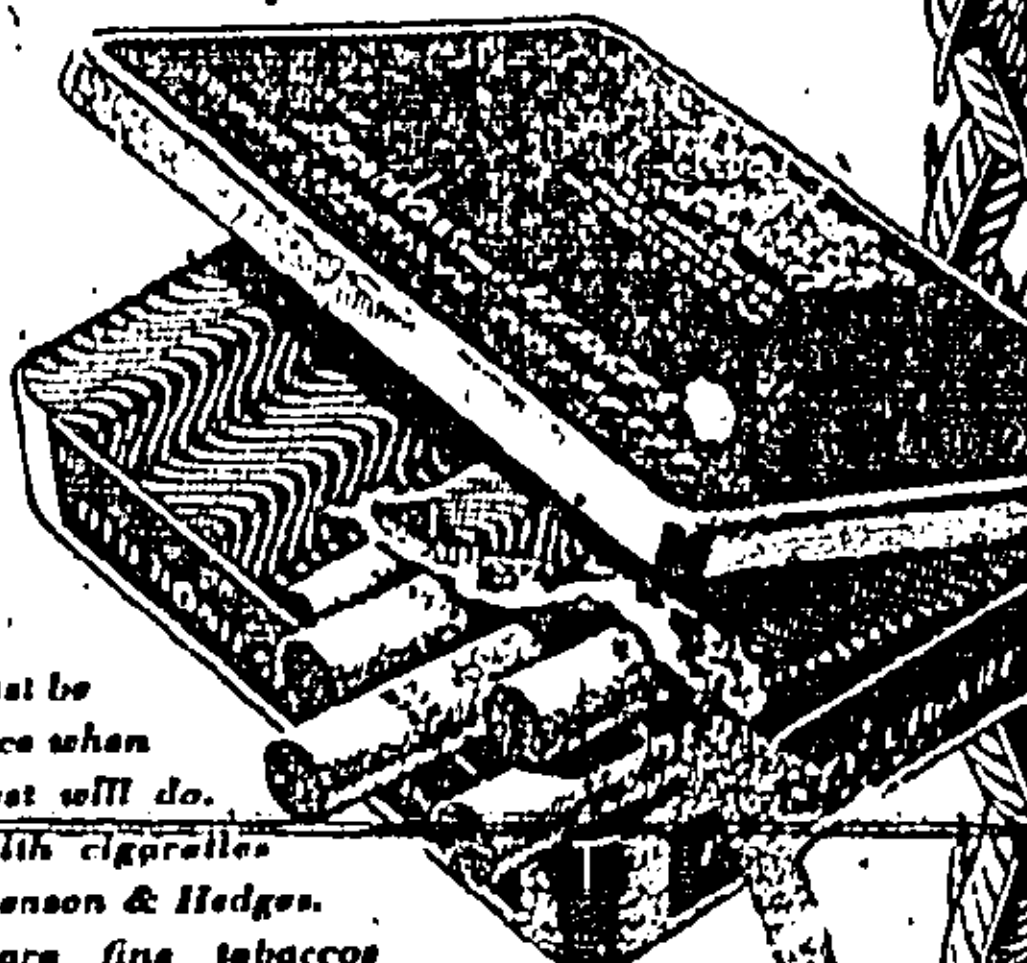
He told the couple to show up next week when he would dismiss the charge of aggravated assault and battery.—United Press.

THE GATES OF HEAVEN CLOSED

New York, February 12.

The Gates of Heaven were closed by a strike today. Grave diggers at the Gates of Heaven cemetery in suburban Hawthorne joined other cemetery diggers in Queen's county in striking over a wage dispute. They are members of the CIO United Cemetery Workers Union.—United Press.

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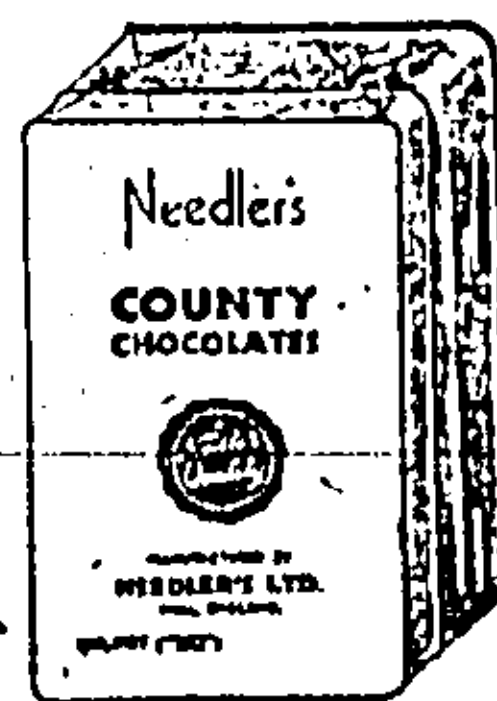
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NORWAY'S APPROACH TO UK FOR DEFENCE PACT

London, February 12.

Dr. Halvard Lange, Foreign Minister of Norway, on his way home to Oslo by air from the United States, will call on Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, in London on Monday morning.

Dr. Lange's visit comes at a delicate stage in the negotiations leading up to the conclusion of an Atlantic defence association linking the United States and Canada to Western Europe.

The position at the end of his visit to Washington and his conversations with the American Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, is that Norway has failed to obtain clear answers to the questions which took Dr. Lange across the Atlantic.

Observers here expect Dr. Lange to ask Mr. Bevin what are the prospects of assistance from Britain and the other members of the Western Union in the event of Norway's either joining the Atlantic Union or falling back on the idea of a separate Scandinavian pact.

Other points which the two Foreign Ministers are expected to consider:

1.—The Soviet note to Norway on the Atlantic Union.
2.—The repercussions of delays in Washington on Dr. Lange's own position in Norway and on domestic Norwegian political trends.

3.—The effects of Norway's decision, to join either the Atlantic Union or a Scandinavian union, on the position of Iceland and the special relation of Spitzbergen and Greenland to any association of the Atlantic powers.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, Sylvain Mangot, writes:

The Dilemma

Not for the first time the Western powers, in their effort to coordinate their forces into a broad front, have run into trouble. This time it is over the Atlantic Union.

The dilemma is that the limits imposed by the United States Constitution on the State Department in making hard commitments conflict with the urgent necessity of satisfying prospective European members of an Atlantic defence pact that they will receive hard guarantees of security.

As a result of the seven-power talks in Washington, it has been believed that the drafting of the terms of a proposed Atlantic Union had reached a stage where additional European powers could be invited to enter the final stage of the discussions.

It was certainly in this belief that Dr. Lange went to Washington after the breakdown of the Scandinavian defence talks and the exchange of notes between Moscow and Oslo.

The Western powers, it now appears, had calculated without the results of soundings made by Mr. Acheson among Congressional leaders as to how Congress would react to the text of the pact as provisionally drafted.

U.S. Bungling

The result is that there may be a hiatus which will leave Dr. Lange in a difficult position on his return to Oslo, via London, next week.

Until a draft text, acceptable to both the Western powers and to Congressional leaders, has been agreed upon, it would seem impossible either to give the precise information about the Atlantic Union which the Norwegian Government wants or to issue invitations for an Atlantic Union conference.

Unfortunately for the Western powers, neither Moscow nor Sweden and Denmark, both of whom are still anxious to see an independent Scandinavian defence pact in preference to Scandinavian membership of the Atlantic Union, can be expected to wait without moving until the delays in Washington have been cleared up. Criticism is being expressed in the press and in official circles in Washington at the alleged mishandling by the United States of the defence problems of the Scandinavian powers before and during the visit of Dr. Lange. European diplomats have said privately that misunderstandings, delays and lack of preparation by United States officials have confused the critical Scandinavian political situation and played into the hands of Soviet spokesmen now denouncing both the North Atlantic Pact and the proposed Scandinavian defence pact.

No Liaison

It has been asserted in Washington that liaison between the United States and the Norwegian Government was so inadequate that the State Department did not know of Dr. Lange's visit until a few hours before he caught his plane.

Thus the Department was unprepared to answer the detailed questions he put. In the midst of the Norwegian Foreign Minister's visit came a press disclosure that the United States was proposing to reduce its commitments to military action under the Atlantic Pact and to suggest revisions of the draft of the pact which would further delay its operation.

The situation has been further complicated by the secrecy about the proposed terms of the pact. Criticism is also being voiced of the handling of the question of military supplies to countries whose security might be vital to the United States.

After obscure references to this question in the President's Budget message in January, the State Department came out with a statement that military supplies would not be sent to countries not associated with the United States in such a way as the proposed North Atlantic Pact.

This, however, gave the apparently unintentional appearance of putting United States pressure on certain Scandinavian countries to eschew regional pacts of their own and to come into the North Atlantic Pact.—Reuter.

TENOR DEAD

New York, February 12. Giovanni Zenatello, 72, operatic tenor for more than 30 years, died here today. He made his debut in Milan in 1901 and during his career he sang "Othello" more than 300 times.—United Press.

A Nail Worth An Egg Here

Frankfurt, February 12. One "Swabian" nail is worth one egg on the East-west zone black market. American public safety officials said here today, giving details of smuggling on the Hessian-Thuringian border.

Contraband seized during the past fortnight was valued at 250,000 marks and included ten tons of containers for melting glass, nine tons of nails, 13 tons of special steel, 50,000 spare parts and tires, 50,000 cigarette-holders and 10,000 matchboxes for planes. —Reuter.

SWEDEN WILLING

Stockholm, February 12. Sweden is willing to take part in the coming conference of European states to discuss the establishment of a European Council of Ministers and a Consultative Assembly, the Swedish Foreign Office announced today. Earlier this week, Mr. Harold L. Frankfort, British Ambassador here, asked Mr. Gesten Unden, Swedish Foreign Minister, if Sweden would accept a formal invitation.—Reuter.

Assassination Of Moslem Leader

Cairo, February 13.

Sheik Hassan el Banna, leader of the outlawed extremist Moslem Brotherhood, was killed last night by gunmen who pumped five shots into his body as he entered a taxicab.

El Banna and a companion were shot down by a group of youths who opened fire from another car and then sped away.

One bullet tore through his mouth and another hit him in the chest. Police said he was hit by at least five slugs.

Both victims were taken to hospital, and the Minister of the Interior later told United Press that el Banna succumbed.

Eye-witnesses said at least seven shots were fired at the pair as they emerged from the Young Men's Mohammedan Association building and opened the door of a waiting taxi.

As the Sheik was taken to hospital, bleeding profusely, he kept repeating: "I saw the number plate."

The Moslem Brotherhood was outlawed on December 8 by the last Premier, Mahmoud Fahmy Nokrashy Pasha, who was himself assassinated by one of its members, Abd el Meguid Ahmed Hassan.

Nokrashy's successor, Premier Ebd el Hadi, ordered the arrest of more than 600 members but left el Banna free.

Sheik Hassan el Banna (his name means "Hassan the Bulldog") was 38 years old and bearded. He claims a following of over half a million in Egypt.

Army Of 10,000

The Brotherhood was banned throughout Egypt last December after the police had arrested several members for alleged raids and murders.

The bearded leader of the Brotherhood declared during the Palestine fighting that his Brotherhood had a programme for the liberation of Palestine by fire and blood if necessary.

He claimed he had an army of 10,000 men whose training had begun in 1942. The Egyptian Government, in banning the organisation, accused it of planning to overthrow the regime.

Before the Brotherhood's dissolution, it was reported to be preparing a march on Cairo but Sheik Hassan denied knowledge of this.

The day after the dissolution, he offered to be placed under arrest, but the Government declined the offer.—United Press and Reuter.

Australian Lack Of Defences

Sydney, February 12.

The Sunday Herald, quoting authoritative sources, said today that the United States Government is seriously concerned about Australia's lack of defences.

The newspaper, the Sunday edition of the Sydney Morning Herald, said Washington has asked the United States Navy, Army and Air Force Attaches in Australia for full reports on Australia's defence preparations.

Two considerations had inspired this American interest, the paper said.

Firstly, the Communist successes in China had forced the U.S. Service chiefs to make a drastic reassessment of defence strategy in the Pacific.

Secondly, American defence chiefs are opposed to tying up stronger United States forces in the Pacific and urge that Australia and New Zealand accept greater responsibilities.

The Herald said that Mr. Kenneth Royall, U.S. Army Secretary, supports this view.—Reuter.

Scientist Attacks U.S. Policy

Brussels, February 12.

Professor Max Cosyns, physicist, of Brussels University, declared here that Belgian scientists had asked for one per cent of the uranium output from the Belgian Congo and had been refused as it is all going to the United States.

Belgian scientists were forced to buy uranium on the black market, he added.

Professor Cosyns, who was addressing students at Brussels University last night, said: "The possibilities of creating an atomic pile in Belgium are great, but everything is done to hinder the project. A great conspiracy of silence exists."

Professor Cosyns, who assisted Professor Piccard in his deep sea diving experiments last year and his stratosphere balloon ascents in 1934, claimed that uranium by-products of great importance in medicine and industry, are being destroyed in the United States.

In four years, radio-active products equal to huge quantities of radium had been destroyed.

Nuclear energy is being employed for warlike purposes and untold sums had been spent on the atomic bomb, he said, adding that stocks of uranium are being constituted in the United States for warlike purposes.—Reuter.

BARRACKS FOR IMMIGRANTS

Melbourne, February 12. Four huge barracks, to house 60,000 displaced persons, immigrants in Australia, will be constructed by the Federal Department of Works and Housing. The aim is to prevent immigrants from competing with Australians for houses. The barracks will be planned so that three years later, when Australia opens to her war-torn housing shortage, they can be converted into permanent housing.—Reuter.

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"TJITALENGKA"	In port	to Javaport & Macassar 3rd March.
"TJIBADAK"	from Macassar & Javaport 3rd March.	to Shanghai 8th March, to Javaport & Macassar 17th March.

ASIA-AFRICA-S. AMERICA SERVICE

Ship	Arrivals	Departures
"RUKS"	In port	to South Africa & South America 24th February 5 p.m.
"STRAAT SOENDA"	from South Africa, 16th February.	to South Africa & South America 21st March.
"BOISSEvain"	from South Africa & South America, 31st March.	to South Africa & South America, 18th April.
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

CONFLICTING THEORIES ON COMMODITY PRICE DECREASE

New York, February 13.

Business In North China

Shanghai, February 13. The Communist authorities in Tientsin are not interfering too much with business activities, in general, according to reports received by a business concern here from the North China port.

Another firm in Shanghai is said to have been asked by its North China branch whether it should resume operations in the light of not too adverse circumstances.—Reuter.

Sinkiang's Talks With Russians

Nanking, February 13. Preliminary discussions on an economic agreement between the Soviet Union and Sinkiang, the North West Province of Nationalist China, have been completed at Tsinan, in Sinkiang.

No details of what may have been agreed to have been revealed. Earlier reports said the Soviet Union is seeking permission to exploit Sinkiang's valuable mineral resources, including some metals used in steel production. The discussions were between Soviet Consulate officials in Tsinan and a representative of the Nationalist Foreign Ministry, Mr. Liu Tse-yin, and two representatives of the North West Provincial Administration, Mr. Lin Manshan and Mr. Lin.

The talks followed a Soviet communication last month to the Nationalist Government to reopen talks begun two years ago when a Nationalist decree, authorizing trade with the Soviet Union, was drafted but never promulgated.

The Inner Cabinet Minister, Mr. Chang Chih-chun, Governor-General of the North West Provinces, was recently appointed by Dr. Sun Fo's Cabinet to supervise the discussions with the Soviet officials.—Reuter.

Rice Price At New High

Shanghai, February 13. Rice dealers ignored Mayor K.C. Wu's ceiling, prices and sold rice for 10,000 gold yuan per 133 pound picul today.

The China Press called it an all-time high. The ceiling is 6,480.

Wu again threatened punishment if dealers do not sell assigned quotas under the ration programme. Thus far they have sold only 2,000 piculs out of 130,000 assigned them at low Government prices.

The dealers' strike coincided with turbulent money markets with the gold yuan going as low as 1,900 for one U.S. dollar. At the same time, a terrific demand for currency set in to meet pay rolls on February 15.—Associated Press.

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"MILWAUKEE"	San Francisco	Mar. 16

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Living Costs In Australia

Canberra, February 13. Living costs in Australia have risen almost 50 per cent since September, 1939, the Acting Commonwealth Statistician reported.

Brisbane showed an increase of 49.7 per cent, Melbourne 46.6, and Sydney 45.7 per cent.

The heaviest increase is in the cost of clothing, which is higher by 117.7 per cent than it was in 1939.

Food went up 42.6 per cent.—United Press.

Chase Bank Makes Loan To Spain

Madrid, February 12. The Spanish authorities refuse outright to furnish details of the terms of the Chase National Bank \$20,000,000 loan to Spain.

Nothing firm is known here beyond the bare information issued in New York and nothing has been officially stated here.

Reports in financial circles variously estimate the interest rate between two and three per cent while the commercial councillor of the British Embassy heard that it is an unconfirmed five per cent.

The duration of the loan is rumoured to be anything between two and five years, with gold collateral. It is believed financial circles here that the loan will be used for the purchase of fertilisers and agricultural machinery.

A high official of the Telephone Company denied that part of the loan will be used for the amortisation of the International Telegraph and Telephone dollar bonds or other payments to it.

The Spanish Government has flown to London for deposit of the gold collateral for the loan.

Authoritative financial sources say the gold will remain in London for the duration of the loan.

Other sources say Spanish representatives are leaving soon for Washington in an effort to negotiate a loan from the Export-Import Bank.

In Washington officials deny any knowledge of the reported mission to seek an export import bank loan. They make it plain that if a loan is sought, the answer will be no.—Reuter and Associated Press.

N.Y. Stock Exchange

New York, February 13. This was a week of declining prices on the New York stock exchange.

While there were exceptions to the downward trend among individual stocks, average prices at the week-end were the lowest since last March.

Brokers said that in addition to the general bearish attitude created by falling commodities, many people had to sell stocks to realise cash with which to shore up tottering commodity margins.

Other reasons credited in Wall Street with responsibility for keeping investors away from stocks included developments in Washington such as renewed insistence of the President and his Secretary of the Treasury that the original US\$4,000,000,000 additional taxes asked for be provided by what appears to be a reluctant Congress.

It has been thought in some quarters that the current downward trend in business activity, mounting unemployment and the drop in commodity prices might indicate abandonment or modification of the request for more taxes. This kind of thinking apparently is not shared in the Government.—Associated Press.

Charter For Seamen

Geneva, February 12. Australia has ratified the International Convention on wages and working conditions at sea, the International Labour Office announced here tonight.

Sweden and France were hitherto the only countries which had ratified any of the Conventions adopted by the ILO Maritime Conference in Seattle on June 29, 1946.

These provide for an international 112-hour working fortnight for seamen with a £16 monthly minimum wage, 12 days holiday with pay and social security measures.

This "Charter for Seamen" will come into operation when ratified by nine countries, five of which must have a merchant fleet of one million tons or more.—Reuter.

PRICE INDEX

New York, February 13. The Associated Press index of wholesale commodity prices stayed close to its 1948-49 low this week at 165.30 compared with 168.46 a week ago and 180.32 a year ago.

It was the seventh successive weekly decline.—Associated Press.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

San Francisco, February 13. Departures—Flying Scud left for Yokohama, Garden State for Guam.—Associated Press.

WALLACE ON COLOUR BAR

Washington, February 12. Mr. Henry Wallace, chief of the American Progressive Party, making his first major speech since last November's elections, told a Negro Church rally here that the Republicans and Democrats had betrayed the country by not pressing for civil rights for Negroes.

Mr. Wallace claimed that the Republicans and Democrats had failed in their policies at home and abroad. The Progressive Party, which alone demanded complete economic, political and social equality, would not rest until Negroes sat not only in Congress but in every State legislature and Town Council he declared.—Reuter.

INDIAN EXPORT TRADE CONTROL

New Delhi, February 12. The Commerce Ministry announces that all goods from India and medium currency areas will be brought within the purview of export trade control—whether they are otherwise controlled or not—with the view to prevent their re-export.

The announcement lists the following as hard and medium currency areas: the whole of the American continent, including Brazil, Chile, Uruguay, Peru, and territories which are part of the sterling area, Dutch territory of French India, Belgium and colonies, Japan, Switzerland, the Philippines, Portugal and colonies, excluding Portuguese India, and British Germany.—Reuter.

SILVER DOLLARS

Shanghai, February 13. Police arrested eight peddlers who were selling silver dollars which were much in demand as the paper gold yuan currency continues to decline.

At the present time, the police are searching for a large quantity of silver dollars which are being hoarded by the public.—Associated Press.

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TODAY

KYSKA (Wallen) for New York, 14th Feb.
HEINRICH JENSEN (D. & S.) for Swatow, 14th Feb.
MALACCA (D. & S.) for Hong Kong, 14th Feb.

TOMORROW

MANDEVILLE (Thoresen) for Atlantic, 15th Feb.
THAN (D. & S.) for Hong Kong, 15th Feb.

Vessels In Port

ANAKAN (Grimble) 11th Feb.
ACHILLE (D. & S.) 11th Feb.
RUBINWOOD (Mac Mac) 11th Feb.

VESSELS DUE FROM

SOUTH AFRICA

STRAAT BOENDE (RIL) 14th Feb.

AMERICA

ARGOVAN (Dodwell) 14th Feb.

AUSTRALIA

CUTOS (Dodwell) 14th Feb.

CHINA

CARRICK BEND (Everett) 14th Feb.

EUROPE

BENGAL (Gillman) 14th Feb.

INDIA

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Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

TOMAR (Thoresen) for Manila, 11th Feb.
KAPRISTAN (Jardine) for Yokohama, 11th Feb.
CLOVERLOCK (Yick Yuen) for North Korea, 11th Feb.

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MALACCA (D. & S.) ex-Batavia, 11th Feb.
MANDEVILLE (Thoresen) ex-Batavia, 11th Feb.

TODAY

ANTHAGE (Mac Mac) ex-London, 12th Feb.
PO YANG (D. & S.) ex-Batavia, 12th Feb.
PIONEER WAVE (USL) ex-Batavia, 12th Feb.

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